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NSL IS EVEN STEVEN



Joy for the South Melbourne Hellas squad after they collected the 1990 Charity Shield with a 2-1 win over Sydney Olympic earlier this month. The side followed up with a 1-0 win over Brunswick Juventus on Wednesday night in the Victorian Health Gold Cup at Olympic Park and look set for another solid season in the Quit National Soccer League — JOE MONTE-MURRO photo.

NSW 'Amateurs' raise \$100,000 for ASF

BY PHIL MARTIN

OVER \$100,000 has been raised by the NSW Amateur Soccer Federation in a magnificent contribution towards the ASF Promotion and Development Fund.

The funds raised by the NSW amateur and junior organisation are believed to provide some 40 per cent of what was raised throughout the whole of Australia.

This is a tremendous vindication of the Amateur Federation's policy of spreading soccer throughout the city and country alike.

Had it not been for this contribution, the

under 17 Joeys would not be able to prepare for their World Cup by sprucing up their act with a trip to Chile.

National assistant coach Les Scheinflug said: "We expect to finalise the tour arrangements which will include two full internationals."

Australian Soccer Federation chairman John Constantine and his predecessor Ian Brusasco have promised a full audited accounting of receipts and expenditure for the Promotion and Development Fund.

Despite concern by junior officials, this can surely only come after the Chile tour.

In NSW the players have had to dip into their pockets for their own Development Fund as well as the ASF fund.

The former has put Marconi defender Robbie Wheatley in the field after a long overdue promotion measure.

The NSW Federation has Gary Power involved in increasing the number of referees and increasing standards.

There is unrest in amateur ranks over the ASF Fund.

This was highlighted when the ASF ran a national under 17 camp which conflicted with the long decided

timing of the NSW State Championships.

NSW competition secretary Bill Cullinan said: "Had we known there was a problem, we could have slotted in the State titles on the other week of the school holidays."

The ASF has a chance to put things in line with the appointment of Steve Darby as its national youth development officer.

When Darby takes up his appointment he should immediately consult with the NSW Amateurs to ensure the problem is never

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Marconi's David Seal in full cry against Sunshine yesterday. Last year's leading QNSL scorer netted a hat-trick in his side's smashing 6-1 win — STEPHEN GOSCH photo.

BY KEITH GILMOUR

NINE of the 14 NSL teams are on two or three points after only two rounds of the current summer competition.

Not one club was able to come up with two straight victories — an indication of some stern tussles to come over the remaining 24 rounds.

The Marconi Fairfield — Parramatta Melita double header at Marconi Stadium produced over 5,000 spectators, an indication that the promotion was well

justified.

Melbourne Croatia came home against their Sydney brothers, and this week have the chance to keep pressing ahead against Sunshine at Skinner Reserve.

Ernie Merrick's side are the only ones without a point and so have a lot of proving to do to come good.

Amongst the big games this week are Apia Leichhardt — Marconi at Lambert Park and South Melbourne — Adelaide City at Middle Park.

On Sunday all games are at 3pm, except for Sydney Olympic — Wollongong Macedonia at St George Stadium at 7pm.

As it stands the clubs are doing every bit as well as can be expected.

Every man jack of them has responded to the challenge — especially those who lost key players locally or overseas.

Sydney Croatia could not maintain its 'Marconi form', and will have another real test against Melita.

Melbourne Croatia end drought

BY GREG BLAKE

MELBOURNE Croatia ended a four-year drought when it beat sister club Sydney Croatia 2-0 at Somers Street on Sunday.

It was the Melbourne club's first victory over Sydney Croatia since 1987 and it cemented the two points in a most emphatic fashion.

Second half goals from Branko Milosevic and Theo Selemidis ensured Melbourne Croatia of success in its first home outing of the season.

But it was the performances of the impressive Melbourne Croatia defenders which stole the show on Sunday.

The home side's defensive storm troopers, led by veteran George Hannah and the brilliant Alan Davidson, completely obliterated the Sydney side's potentially lethal scoring power.

Sydney Croatia was always under pressure going forward as the Melbourne side ran in numbers, tackled purposefully, and showed remarkable discipline over the 90 minutes.

By quickly turning defence into attack Melbourne's midfield saw plenty of possession and the likes of Milosevic and Josip Biskic were able to dominate.



This determined tackle by a South Melbourne defender against Melita Eagles typified the Victorians' fighting spirit as they came from behind to win 2-1 — STEPHEN GOSCH photo.

Sydney Croatia coach Tony Vrzina said he believed the game was thrown away early in the second half when his side conceded the opening goal from the penalty spot.

Selemidis, who was presented with a gold watch prior to the match to commemorate his 300th NSL game last week, was brought down by Tony Popovic as he ran clear into the left hand side of the penalty area.

When Milosevic scored from the resultant penalty Sydney Croatia's already sus-

pect back was broken. The spark that might have ignited the visitors might have been lit by Ivan Petkovic some five minutes later when he squandered his side's best chance with a shot on the turn which flew over the crossbar.

But indication of Melbourne's dominance was not far from hand and just eight minutes later a glorious move, started by Davidson, which involved 10 successive passes down the ground, clearly defined the home side's overall superiority.

The killer goal to

make it 2-0 came with just 12 minutes to play as Selemidis celebrated his 301st game by starting and finishing the move.

After crashing his way down the left hand touchline Selemidis cheekily backheeled to Mark Talajich whose cross was headed down by Joe Caleta and Milosevic, on the far post, drove the ball back across goal to where Selemidis was on hand to snap the ball home from close range.

MELBOURNE CROATIA: Miller 7, Marth 6, Hannah 8, Selemidis 6, Davidson 8, Donnelly 7, Talajich 8, Milosevic 7, Biskic 7 (Silic 84), Awartite 4 (Kolic 45, 5), Caleta 6.

SYDNEY CROATIA: Frankon 7, Carter 6, Zelic 7, Kupresak 6, Popovic 6, Runje 5 (Grbevl 84), Petkovic 7, Scott 7, Ricoy 5, Lamond 4, Koch 4 (Jurin 72).

YELLOW CARDS: Biskic 43m, Hannah 75m, Selemidis 79m for Melbourne Croatia; Lamond 66m for Sydney Croatia.

SCORERS: Milosevic (pen) 52m, Selemidis 78m for Melbourne Croatia.

REFEREE: P. Spiers 6.

CROWD: app. 4,500.

Apia's second half blitz

BY DAVID BULLOCK

APIA Leichhardt came from a goal behind at halftime to run out convincing 2-1 winners over Heidelberg United at the Olympic Village yesterday.

Heidelberg, having dominated the entire first 45 minutes, had no answer to Apia's ruthless second half blitz, led by Alex Bundalo who carried on from his fine performance in the opening round.

Apia came within centimetres of opening the scoring in the seventh minute, when Shane Clinch shot wide from close range after collecting a loose ball from 15 metres.

Heidelberg then placed relentless pressure on the Apia defence and in the 25th minute keeper Brett Hughes was called upon to make a fine save to deny George Sifkas.

Minutes later, five consecutive corner kicks from Heidelberg were dealt with by the Apia defence though at times they seemed non-plussed with the pressure that had mounted.

Five minutes from halftime Heidelberg deservedly took the lead.

A long throw-in deep from the right by Stuart Stevenson was flicked on by Stuart Cannell inside the area, the ball was met by Paul Lewis who laid off to Stubbins who, unmarked, easily tapped the ball home from close range.

Apia, having come out in the second half a new-look team, equalised within five minutes of the restart.

Heidelberg defender, John Kanesoulis, being hesitant with the ball inside the area, was dispossessed by David Bat-



Peter Tsolakis was again in fine form yesterday when South Melbourne downed Melita Eagles 2-1 at Marconi Stadium — photo STEPHEN GOSCH.

ten who laid the ball into the path of Brian Ellem who had no trouble firing home from close range.

Apia, mounting extreme pressure, were finally rewarded when in the 74th minute Bundalo floated in his corner kick from the right and Clinch, unmarked at the far post, scored with ease from close range.

After the Apia goal tragedy struck Heidelberg as captain Garry

McDowall limped off the park with a leg injury and was replaced by Bratten.

HEIDELBERG: Oliver 5, Kanesoulis 6 (Mlopoulos 84), Stevenson 5, McDowall 5 (Bratten 74), Cannell 5, Scott 5, Stubbins 6, Hard 5, Lewis 4, Goutzoulis 7, Sifkas 6.

APIA: Hughes 5, Blagojevic 6, Jennings 5, Stewart 7, Brown 6, Clinch 6, Ellem 6, Gomez 6, McFadden 6, Bundalo 8 (Okon 88), Bat-ten 6 (Murray 81).

YELLOW CARDS: Heidelberg: Bratten 88m; Apia: Brown 84m, Bundalo 88m.

REFEREE: T. McRoe 5.

CROWD: 3,100.

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Melbourne Croatia	2	1	1	0	3	1	3
St George	2	1	1	0	5	4	3
APIA Leichhardt	2	1	1	0	4	3	3
South Melbourne	2	1	1	0	3	2	3
Sydney Olympic	2	1	1	0	2	1	3

Marconi	2	1	0	1	6	2	2
Heidelberg United	2	1	0	1	4	3	2
Preston	2	1	0	1	5	5	2
Wollongong Macedonia	2	0	2	0	2	2	2
Sydney Croatia	2	1	0	1	1	2	2
Adelaide City	2	0	1	1	3	4	1
Wollongong City	2	0	1	1	2	3	1

Melita Eagles	2	0	1	1	1	2	1
Sunshine GC	2	0	0	2	2	9	0

Results

WOLLONGONG CITY 0 SYDNEY OLYMPIC 0 at Brandon Park. Crowd: 3482.
MARCONI 6 (Seal 3, McCulloch 2, M. Jones) **SUNSHINE GC 1** (D. Hunter) at BOSSLEY PARK. Crowd: 5224 (double-header)
MELITA EAGLES 1 (Gonzalez) **SOUTH MELBOURNE 2** (Taliadoros, Boutsianis) at Bossley Park. Crowd: 5224 (double-header)
ST GEORGE 3 (Krslovic 2, Harper) **PRESTON 2** (Zinni, Jolevski) at St George Stadium. Crowd: 2385.
HEIDELBERG UNITED 1 (Stubbins) **APIA LEICHHARDT 2** (Ellem, Clinch) at Olympic Village. Crowd: 3100.
MELBOURNE CROATIA 2 (Milosevic, Selemidis) **SYDNEY CROATIA 0** at Somers St. Crowd: 4500.
ADELAIDE CITY 2 (A. Vidmar, Brooks) **WOLLONGONG MACEDONIA 2** (Fletcher, Markovski) at Newton Sports Field. Crowd: 3500.

TOP SCORERS

DAVID SEAL (Marconi)	3
WARREN SPINK (Preston)	3
TONY KRSLOVIC (St George)	3

CROWDS

ROUND 2: 22,191
AVERAGE PER GAME: 3,170
TOTAL ATTENDANCE: 44,548
AVERAGE PER ROUND: 22,274

Seal's hat-trick

BY FRANK SCICLUNA



Marconi's Peter Katholos yesterday — STEPHEN GOSCH photo.

MARCONI's young striker David Seal spearheaded the former champions with a hat-trick in an easy 6-1 victory over an outclassed Sunshine George Cross in the first match of a double-header at Marconi Stadium.

With all the charity that one could muster Sunshine can only be described as a poor team on this performance and, unless a great deal of improvement is shown in the season ahead, will certainly be firm candidates for relegation.

While Marconi showed plenty of verve and imagination throughout the 90 minutes, they did not need to go through anything more than the basic motions from the third minute when midfielder Mark Jones gave them the lead, slamming home a loose ball when Sunshine keeper Sean Keogh dropped a David Lowe cross from the right.

Keogh went through a torrid first half, conceding a second goal to Tommy McCulloch in the 18th minute, then playing a major role in a huge misunderstanding with defender Chris Ketsakidis on the half hour for Marconi's third.

McCulloch's goal was a class effort, ghosting inside the box to slam home after Seal got behind the Sunshine defence and played the perfect ball into the middle.

Marconi's next goal, however, was nothing more than a comedy of errors involving Keogh and Ketsakidis.

The Sunshine keeper attempted to play a short goal kick to his defender but allowed Seal to nip in and steal the ball before tapping into an empty net to snatch his first goal for his new club.

To all intents and purposes the 3-0 halftime lead killed off the game as a spectacle, with Marconi simply going through the motions for

the next hour and creating chance after chance at will.

Hat-trick hero Seal picked up his second after 71 minutes, when midfielder Peter Katholos attempted a 30-metre low drive which the unfortunate Keogh failed to hold, allowing the young striker to pick up the loose ball and slam home.

Seal completed his hat-trick four minutes later. Again it was Katholos who managed to find Lowe in plenty of space and his good cross was deftly headed past Keogh into the top corner.

The courageous, but totally outclassed, Sunshine kept battling until the end, pulling back a consolation goal from a Derek Hunter header four minutes from time.

But there was no stopping the Marconi machine. Seal was pulled down inside the box and although Keogh managed to stop McCulloch's penalty kick he could do nothing to stop the midfielder following up and burying his shot into the net to bring up the mammoth 6-1 scoreline.

MARCONI: Catlin 6, Wheatley 6, de Marigny 6, Calderan 5 (Suzor 45, 5), Okon 6, Jones 6 (Corica 78), McCulloch 7, Katholos 6, Seal 7, Markovski 6, Lowe 6.

SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS: Keogh 5, Koliba (McFarlane 24, 5), Roodhouse 5, Weddell 4, Ketsakidis 4, Fabrizio 4, Kindler 5, Hunter 5, Clarke 5, Hasler 5, Zacharias (Cranney 25, 5).

SCORERS: Marconi: Seal 32, 71, 79m, McCulloch 18m, 90m, Jones 3m; Sunshine: Hunter 88m.

YELLOW CARDS: Suzor 79m for Marconi; Zacharias 9m for Sunshine.

REFREE: B. Davies II.
CROWD: 5,224 (double-header).

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Harper's late effort downs Preston

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

ANDY Harper, St George's powerful midfielder, proved the team's hero when he scored the winner just three minutes before fulltime to give St George a 3-2 victory over pacey Preston at St George Stadium last night.

With a 2-2 scoreline on the cards, the alert Harper came into action. Preston goalkeeper Phil Traianedes rolled the ball out to his centre back Shaun Parton.

But disaster struck Preston as Parton attempted to pass back to his goalkeeper only to see Harper streak in, intercept and round the goalkeeper to hit the target.

Giant striker Tony Krslovic also was heroic for the Saints by scoring

in the 20th and 77th minutes.

Krslovic opened the score with a meticulous, curling 25 metre free kick that sailed into the top left corner.

Preston's attack line made numerous breaks, but failed to turn them into goals through hesitancy inside the Saints' box in the first session.

The St George defence of Blago Milicevic, Michael O'Shea, Andy Koczka and Scott Baillie repeatedly moved in quickly to smother all Preston attacks.

Former Socceroo midfield maestro Oscar Crino, obviously not match fit, failed to contribute any real enterprise to his side.

Five minutes after the break Preston levelled the scoreline when sweeper Steve Jackson pushed up into the mid-

field.

Jackson laid on a magnificent ball wide to the left to pick up Andrew Zinni who scored from a difficult angle.

Two minutes later Zinni almost scored again as his blast from 20 metres ricocheted off the St George crossbar.

On the hour, Preston striker Kris Trajanovski threatened when he penetrated deep into the St George box but Filan flew off his line to brilliantly block.

Referee Richard Lorenc awarded Preston a penalty in the 65th minute when Filan allegedly fouled Trajanovski in trying to steal the ball from the striker's boot. Left-back George Jolevski scored from spot.

St George equalised in the 77th minute when Krslovic scored his second when he latched

on to a well measured through-ball from substitute Theo Kotsias.

Krslovic nailed the target from the right side and 12 metres out.

An understandably dejected Preston coach, John Gardiner pointed out: "We did all the hard work in attacking, making all the scoring chances. I was most disappointed with the referee's ruling in the penalty when he should have given Filan his marching orders for committing a professional foul."

Elated St George coach Frank Arok said: "It was excellent action and great value for money the fans got tonight, as they saw many classy players including Preston's Warren Spink."

"Finally the brain of Andy Harper and John Filan's excellent work between the posts plus



Andy Koczka

the command from our sweeper Andy Koczka gave us victory."

ST GEORGE: Filan 8, Milicevic 8, Moffitt 6, O'Shea 6, Koczka 6, Baillie 5, Harper 7, Krslovic 8, Bingley 6, El All 6, Easthorpe (Kotsias 66m).

PRESTON MAKEDONIA: Traianedes 6, Spasevski 6, Parton 5, Jackson 6, Jolevski 6, Petrov 6, Crino 6, Markovac 7, Zinni 6, Spink 6, Trajanovski 7.

YELLOW CARDS: Jackson 35m, Parton 65m, Petrov 58m for Preston, El All 63m, Filan 65m for St George.

REFREE: Richard Lorenc 6.
CROWD: 2385.



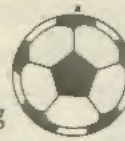
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Yankos tightens
Wolves' defence

BY PHIL MURPHY

FORMER Socceroo captain Charlie Yankos made an impressive debut for Wollongong City in a scoreless draw against National Soccer League champions Sydney Olympic at Brandon Park on Friday.

Signed by Wollongong earlier in the week, Yankos looked composed as sweeper in a game marred by a strong gusty wind.

Wollongong ran with the wind in the first half but looked more impressive after the interval.

The wind ruined the game as a spectacle for a healthy crowd of 3,482 and scoring chances were at a premium.

Strangely, Olympic goalkeeper Clint Gosling went closest to breaking the deadlock for his team.

A long clearing kick from Gosling in the second half almost scraped the top of the Wollongong crossbar with opposing keeper George Bouhoutos at full stretch.

Another new signing for Wollongong, visa player Miladin Kuc,



CHARLIE YANKOS — great debut.

went closest to scoring. In the 40th minute good lead-up work from David Skeen and Declan McEvoy resulted in Kuc powering a 20-metre drive just over the top.

Skeen was the pick of the Wollongong side, having foraged all night in the midfield.

For Olympic, Grant Lee tried hard to get things moving from midfield, but neither side was able to take advantage of the strong wind at any stage.

Referee Alex Spiroski handed out five yellow cards.

Wollongong's Skeen, Zivko Hristovski and replacement Lawrie McKinnon were part of

the Wollongong list, whilst Kevin Hagan went in the book for Olympic.

Wollongong coach David Ratcliffe said after the game he was pleased with the commitment his team showed, especially in defence where it fell down badly during last week's 3-2 loss to Preston, while Olympic's Mick Hickman rued his goal-shy strikers.

WOLLONGONG: Bouhoutos 6, Green 6, Yankos 7, Morlando 6, Allport 6, Cahut 8, Hristovski 6, Skeen 8, McEvoy 7, O'dridge 6 (McKinnon 78m), Kuc 7.

OLYMPIC: Gosling 6, Barrett 6, Hooker 6, Spyridakos 6, Bernal 7, Hristodoulou 7, Lee 7, Ironside 6, Hagan 6, Ollershaw 6, Refenes 6.

REFEREE: A. Spiroski 6.

CROWD: 3482.

Boutsianis mauls Melita

BY FRANK SCICLUNA

SOUTH Melbourne came back from the brink of defeat to score a gutsy 2-1 win over a spirited Melita Eagles at the Marconi Stadium yesterday.

Young substitute Con Boutsianis proved the hero for Hellas, first giving Kim Taliadoros the opportunity of grabbing the equaliser within 60 seconds of coming on, then finding a late winner himself to clinch both points for his side.

The inspired substitution of Danny Wright by coach Ferenc Puskas in the 72nd minute proved to be a master stroke as until then Melita looked good enough to hang on to a classic Washington Gonzalez goal in the 24th minute.

Melita's Uruguayan maestro slammed his free kick from 20 metres home after Steve Blair pulled down Marshall Soper to earn him a yellow card but the Eagles did not waste their opportunity to take a deserved lead.

This goal spurred Melita on for the rest of the first period and for much of the second looked likely winners.

from Brown on the hour was deflected off Mike Petersen on the goaline following an incisive Melita raid which also involved Soper and Gimenez.

At this stage of the match Hellas looked to be down for the count.

The introduction of young Boutsianis turned the whole game upside down.

He was on the spot to flick on Peter Tsolakis' corner kick in the 74th minute for Taliadoros to head wide of Alex McPherson from close range and from then on Hellas finished much the stronger.

Tsolakis was wide of the target moments later after the Melita defence was completely opened up and with three minutes remaining Boutsianis got himself in the right spot to find the winner.

Steve Tassios got away wide on the right, sent over a deep cross which eluded all of the Melita defenders and the Hellas youngster leapt high to steer the ball into the top corner for a late match-winning finale to an excellent match.

24m. YELLOW CARDS: Gimenez 19m, Dickinson 32m for Melita; Blair 25m, Postecoglou 80m for South Melbourne.

CROWD: 5,224 (double-header). REFEREE: J. McConnell 6.

New chums come close
against Adelaide City

BY ALAN CLARK



Wollongong Macedonia goalkeeper Wilson grasps for the football.

WOLLONGONG Macedonia, on this early season showing, look nobody's pushover in the NSL.

Coach John Fleming's workhorses pressured a point from Adelaide City at Newton Sportsfield on Sunday in a 2-2 draw.

Really they should have had two.

City, with Ernie Tapai and Hungarian Robert Csoboth still to be cleared, and Paul Shillabeer, Carl Veart and Tony Vidmar on the sidelines, fielded a makeshift team.

And for long periods, they were made to look like just that.

With diminutive skipper Paul Kay walking tall in midfield, and a strong five in an unpenetrative defensive wall, Macedonia dominated the first half.

Livewire striker Graeme Fletcher in 12 minutes was denied a deserved goal by the brilliance of Socceroo keeper Robert Zabica.

And when Brett Thornthwaite headed past in 20 minutes the visitors must have felt it wasn't to be their day.

That was emphasised just before the interval when City went ahead — against the run of play.

Debut man and former Joey Ross Aloisi slung in a cross from the right that Aurelio Vidmar sent crisply past Peter Wilson with his head.

But Macedonia bounced back after the interval, Fletcher taking advantage of hesitancy

in a City defence that was appealing for offside and toe poking a shot past Zabica in the 64th minute.

But City, though swamped in midfield and seeming to lack penetration in attack, hit the front again in 80 minutes through substitute Michael Brooks.

He replaced tired Aloisi in the 58th minute and was in place to head home a miscued Joe Mullen shot.

Home fans felt that was that and were settling for a journey home when Macedonia struck again two minutes from time.

The visitors earned a free kick on the edge of the box and all hell let loose before the kick was taken.

Adrian Santrac, in the defensive wall, collapsed in the area holding his most vital of statistics and several City men sought retribution from substitute Joe Coelho whom they saw as the culprit in the action.

Sanity was resorted and Vlatko Markovski cannoned a classic shot home from a tapped free.

ADELAIDE CITY: Zabica (7), Aloisi (6) (Brooks 58), Tobin (7), Ivanovich (8), Flounders (6), Melita (White 22, 6), Santrac (5), Villani (5), Mullen (6), Maxwell (5), A. Vidmar (6).

WOLLONGONG MACEDONIA: P. Wilson (7), Cavanagh (6), D. Wilson (6), Dimov (6), Martin Bourke (6), Kay (8), Sandy (6), Bradley (6), Markovski (7), Fletcher (7), Thornthwaite (6) (Coelho 57).

SCORES: Vidmar 43m, Brooks 80m for Ad City; Fletcher 64m, Markovski 88m for Wollongong Macedonia. REFEREE: M. Browning (6). CROWD: 3500.



FERENC PUSKAS: his inspired substitution won the game for Hellas.

Soper could have easily wrapped up the game five minutes after the interval, wasting a good chance from close range after South Melbourne keeper Bruce McLaren blocked Greg Brown's shot.

Another attempt

SOUTH MELBOURNE: McLaren 6, Hesley 6 (Fernandes 80), Postecoglou 6, Blair 5, Durakovic 6, Wade 7, Wright 5 (Boutsianis 72), Petersen 6, Taliadoros 6, Tassios 6, Tsolakis 6.

MELITA: McPherson 6, Dickinson 6, Callanan 6, Barrios 6, Gonzalez 7, Mason 5, Vial 6, Gimenez 6, Soper 6, Gunning 5 (Nowicki 59), Brown 5.

SCORES: South Melbourne: Taliadoros 74m, Boutsianis 87m; Melita: Gonzalez

NSL YOUTH
LEAGUESNORTHERN DIVISION
at October 6

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Melita Eagles	1	0	0	2	0	2	0
St George	1	0	0	2	0	2	0
Sydney Olympic	1	0	0	2	1	2	0
Wollongong City	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
Marconi	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
Highfields	1	0	0	1	1	0	0
Adams Town	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Sydney Croatia	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Apia Leichhardt	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
Wollongong Mac	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
AIS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
St George Celts	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

SOUTHERN DIVISION
at October 7

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Adelaide City	1	0	0	5	0	2	0
South Melbourne	1	0	0	3	1	2	0
Preston Mak	1	0	0	2	0	2	0
S. Melb Celts	1	0	0	2	1	2	0
Sunshine GC	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
Caulfield	1	0	0	1	1	1	0
Melb. Croatia Celts	1	0	0	1	1	1	0
Springvale	1	0	0	1	1	1	0
Altona Gale	1	0	0	1	1	1	0
Northcote	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Heidelberg	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Melbourne Croatia	1	0	0	1	1	3	0
Brighton	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
Geeelong	1	0	0	1	0	5	0

Time warp

Wollongong Macedonia coach John Fleming described Adelaide City, his team's opponent yesterday, as a team "in a time warp".

Fleming, who coached Wollongong Wolves in 1986 and again in 1988-89, saw City play against Sydney Olympic in their first-round NSL clash and said the team was "no different to the team I watched five years ago".

"They played exactly the same way they did then and have practically the same players," Fleming said.

"It was like being in a time warp."

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APIA's champion midfielder Alex Bundalo has started the 1990/91 NSL season in style.

With two successive "Best on Grounds," as voted by ASW experts, Bundalo has shot to an early but decisive lead in the Pascoe Vale SportsScene NSL Player of the Year Award.

Players hot on his heels are St George goalkeeper John Filan, Peter Tsolakis from South Melbourne and Wollongong's David Skeen.

The winner of the Player of the Year will receive a cheque for \$500 and a magnificent commemorative trophy for his efforts.



Alex Bundalo
Melb Croatia
v Syd Croatia

- 3 Davidson (MC)
2 Hannah (MC)
1 Milosevic (MC)

Heidelberg v Apia

- 3 Bundalo (A)
2 Stewart (A)
1 Goutzoulis (H)

Ad City v W. Macedonia

- 3 Kay (WM)
2 Dimov (WM)
1 Ivanovich (AC)

Wollongong v Sydney Oly

- 3 Skeen (WC)
2 McEvoy (WC)
1 Hristodoulou (SO)

Marconi v Sunshine

- 3 Seal (M)
2 McCulloch (M)
1 P. Okon (M)

Melita v SM Hellas

- 3 Gonzalez (M)
2 Wade (SMH)
1 Tsolakis (SMH)

St George v Preston

- 3 Krslovic (SG)
2 Filan (SG)
1 Jackson (P)

Top votes: 5: Bundalo 4: Filan, Tsolakis, Skeen 3: Zabica, Stubbins, McCulloch, Seal, Milosevic, Davidson, Gonzalez, McPherson, Zinni, Zelic, Kay, Krslovic.

REMINDER

WOULD all clubs ensure that they phone results, scorers and the coaches votes for the NSL (South) Player of the Year to Roy Hay on 052-435966 before 6pm Sundays so that the information can be supplied to the press, radio and TV as soon as possible.

All roads lead to Lambert Park Sunday

BY ALISTAIR RUSSELL

ALL roads will lead to Lambert Park on Sunday for the match of the round when old rivals Apia and Marconi clash in the season's first 'Italian' derby.

A bumper crowd should be on hand in expectation of a classic confrontation between two sides who got back on the winning trail in style yesterday.

Marconi bounced back from their shock first round defeat by trouncing Sunshine 6-1 while Apia picked up a fine 2-1 victory over the difficult Heidelberg in Melbourne.

Marconi, with an abundance of stars attacking from all over the pitch, will no doubt be a handful for Apia's tough defence, particularly with Paul Okon back on deck and Ian Gray likely to return from injury.

David Seal proved his worth with a splendid hat-trick yesterday and with Tom McCulloch scoring twice and John Markovski beginning to settle in, Marconi should start favourites.

However, Apia have a steely determined look about them this season after disappointingly dropping out of the play-offs at the final hurdle last season.

For Apia, Gerry Gomez will be keen to star against his old club and new captain Brian Ellem is beginning to stamp his authority and the very much in-form Alex Bundalo is always difficult to contain, while up front Paul McFadden is always dangerous.

Clashes between the two sides down the years have been fairly even and with Marconi's irresistible attack and Apia's more open style these days the handsome crowd should be in for a treat.

Olympic

Champions Sydney Olympic will have to prove more determined around the penalty area when they play host to the surprisingly unbeaten Wollongong Macedonia on Sunday.

Newcomers Macedonia have surprised all, picking up two draws against more fancied opponents and showing true grit to twice come from behind to hold the classy Adelaide City yesterday.

Clever midfielder Paul Kay, who turned in another classy performance in Adelaide, seems to be enjoying another taste of the big time while Zlatko Markovski and Graeme Fletcher will prove a handful for the Olympic defence.

Although yet to pick up their first victory in the QNSL, Wollongong coach John Fleming will be able to gauge his side's prospects after meeting an Olympic side in no mood for charity after dropping a point in a poor performance

with Macedonia's neighbours, Wollongong City, on Friday night.

Andrew Bernal made a welcome return to the Olympic backline but without Abbas Saad, Alistair Edwards and Marko Perinovic up front, Olympic are goal-shy.

Coach Mick Hickman lacks a little firepower and was critical of his side's lack of resolve around goal on Friday.

While Perinovic is expected back from injury in a few weeks, Hickman may introduce young George Sorras or John Koch for the Macedonia clash to add more push up front.

If Robbie Ironside and Kevin Hagan get the troops moving, Olympic should inflict Macedonia's first defeat, but not without a fight.

Melbourne Croatia, following their splendid 2-0 victory over Sydney Croatia yesterday, should prove too powerful for a shellshocked Sunshine at Skinner Reserve on Sunday, kicking off at 3pm.

George Cross coach Ernie Merrick has a gigantic headache attempting to shore up a leaky defence that has allowed nine goals in just two matches.

With the deal to secure striker Andy Humble from Croydon City falling through and Ossie Latif not expected to return from injury until mid-November, it seems no news is good news for the struggling Sunshine.

Melbourne Croatia, who have looked the goods in recent seasons but are yet to deliver, will offer no sympathy to the struggling George, with George Hannah, Alan Davidson and Branko Milosevic all in outstanding form.

On Sunshine's turf Croatia have been beaten only twice in seven encounters and last season the visitors triumphed 5-1. A similar result looks on the cards on Sunday.

Middle Park

The big clash on Sunday in Melbourne will be at Middle Park where South Melbourne host the out of touch Adelaide City.

Souths fought back to down Parramatta Melita 2-1 yesterday while City were unimpressive in dropping a point at home to newcomers Wollongong Macedonia.

While Adelaide's defence played well yesterday, the midfield and attack were sorely out of touch and coach Zoran Matic will be eager for Carl Veart to make his return and Ernie Tapai would surely play if his clearance is finalised.

With the injured Paul Trimboli not to return for at least five weeks, South Melbourne sadly miss a little finesse up



Melbourne Hellas' Kimon Taliadoros and David Healy stress a point to Melita's tough centre-back Alfredo Barrios in yesterday's battle at the Marconi Stadium. PHOTO BY STEVE GOSCH.

front and indeed would have gone down to Melita had substitute Con Boutsianis not sparked new life into Puskas' outfit.

City can ill afford to lose on Sunday, with only one point from their two matches to date but have won only twice in 14 matches at South Melbourne and a draw looks on the cards.

After going down to rivals Melbourne Croatia yesterday Sydney Croatia will be keen to get back in the winner's circle when they entertain Melita on Sunday.

With a new look side downing the mighty Marconi in Round One, Croatia were brought back to earth with a thud against their Melbourne sister club, but will face an equally determined Eagles who are yet to register a victory this season.

Melita, for their part, outplayed South Melbourne for much of their clash yesterday and will welcome Gus Cerro back from suspension but star midfielder Aytac Genc will be out for at least a month with strained knee ligaments.

Eagles coach Raul Blanco would expect more from his talented strikeforce that boasts the likes of Greg Brown, Marshall Soper and George Gunning that is yet to produce a goal in two outings.

Ned Zelic continues to star at the back for Croatia but up front Manis Lamond, Pedro

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repeated.

Meanwhile, with Australia's most successful soccer organisation to date in the hands of the NSW Amateur Federation, president John Hedison's one line has a deal to say for it.

Hedison asks: "On our record it begs the question as to just who are the amateurs in soccer?"

ness of the scoreless draw with Olympic, the point has put the Wolves in a good frame of mind for the clash with St George, according to coach David Ratchiffe.

While St George won the corresponding fixture 6-0 last season, five out of eight matches between the sides have been drawn over the years and a similar result appears likely on Sunday.

Two sides with a point to prove do battle at Connor Reserve on Sunday when Preston host Heidelberg in their local derby clash at 3pm.

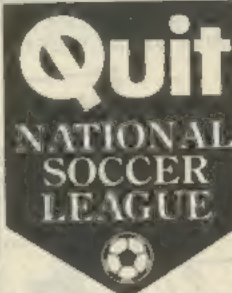
Both teams went down in narrow defeats to Sydney sides yesterday after stirring victories in round one.

Heidelberg, who let the points slip after leading Apia 1-0 yesterday, could be without former Socceroo defender Garry McDowall who limped off with a leg injury late in the match.

Preston, meanwhile, have no trouble in finding the net with five goals to date, but must close ranks at the back to quell the flurry of goals from the opponents.

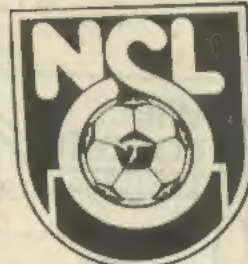
Too close to pick with some confusing results, but at home Preston may have the upper hand.

QUIT NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE



**WEEKEND
FIXTURES**

ROUND 3



SUNDAY OCTOBER 21

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS v ADELAIDE CITY
Middle Park 3pm

SYDNEY CROATIA v MELITA EAGLES
Croatian Sports Centre 3pm

SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS v MELBOURNE CROATIA
Skinner Reserve 3pm

APIA LEICHHARDT v MARCONI
Lambert Park 3pm

PRESTON MAKEDONIA v HEIDELBERG UNITED
Connor Reserve 3pm

WOLLONGONG CITY v ST GEORGE BSC
Brandon Park 3pm

SYDNEY OLYMPIC v WOLLONGONG MACEDONIA
St George Stadium 7pm



Ansett.



Watford angling for Bernal

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

CHAMPION Sydney Olympic centre-back Andrew Bernal is wanted urgently by English Second Division club, Watford.



ANDREW BERNAL

The club is struggling and facing relegation to Division 3.

Watford has sold three star players to improve its war chest.

The English club knows of Bernal's capabilities very well as he played in England three years ago for Ipswich Town.

Watford telephoned Olympic's coach Mick Hickman to ask for Bernal's transfer.

Hickman flatly rejected Watford's approach.

He told ASW: "I explained that Bernal is not for sale. He is Sydney Olympic's best defender and the best in

Australia as well. "If they want to buy Bernal they would have to offer big cash for him at the end of

the NSL season.

"And by that I mean really big cash because I have no desire at all to release him.

YOUTH LEAGUE SOUTHERN DIV

BY ROY HAY

SOUTH Melbourne Hellas defeated Melbourne Croatia 3-0 in the match of the first round of the Southern Division.

Last year's leading scorer Con Boutsianis opened with two goals and Michael Michalakopoulos added the other.

Preston Macedonia had a comfortable 2-0 win at home to Brighton, which was rejoining the NYL South for the first time since a young Paul Trimboli led its line-up.

Caulfield City surprised last year's Southern Division runner-up Altona Gate by holding it to a 1-1 draw at Princes Park.

Adelaide City flew to Melbourne and then travelled to Geelong for its first-ever match in the NYL.

It took the Adelaide lads a little time to find their feet, but when Geelong City conceded an own goal late in the first half, the visitors took over.

Ross Aliosi drove a penalty kick against the bar after Joe Barbaro

had been brought down but another piece of slack defence let Aliosi make amends soon after.

He and Barbaro combined for Aliosi's second, then Carlo Talladira added a couple of late goals.

Sunshine George Cross beat Heidelberg United by the only game of the game scored by Agim Sherifovski.

South Melbourne Hellas Colts fought back against Northcote City to win 2-1.

Springvale City and Melbourne Croatia Colts drew 1-1 at Somers Street with goals by Suric for Croatia and Cacciotti for Springvale in its debut in the NYL South.

YOUTH LEAGUE SOUTH

Brighton 0 Geelong City 2, SM Colts 1 Preston 5, Heidelberg 2 Northcote 1, Springvale 1 Sunshine GC 2, Melbourne Croatia 3 Melb Cr Colts 0, Caulfield 1 SM Hellas 1.

Reliable Billy Pilovski is NSW Gold Medal Award winner

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

SYDNEY Macedonia sweeper Billy Pilovski was highly elated when he was declared the winner of the NSW Soccer Federation's Gold Medal, valued at over \$5,000, last Wednesday night.

The presentation was made by the NSW Minister for Sport, Bob Rowland-Smith.

At 32 Pilovski believed that the highlights of his football career were well behind him.

Playing in previous years for Avala then Rockdale Ilinden, Pilovski joined Division 2 club Sydney Macedonia two years ago.

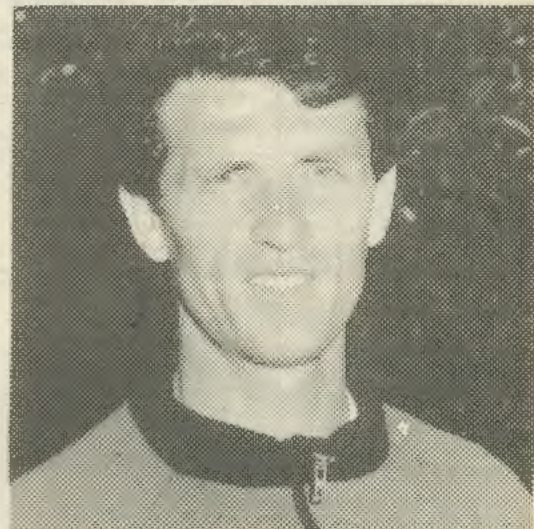
He greatly strengthened the team with his great experience and outstanding organisational ability.

Sydney Macedonia gained a First Division

spot for the 1990 season.

Facing stiff opposition from some NSL guest players and from last season's Gold Medal winner Bas Giampoalo, Pilovski never dreamed that at the end of it all he would be voted 'Player of the Year'.

At an age when most players start giving professional soccer away and taking up social games, Billy's medal win has reinforced his desire to saddle up again next season for his club.



Pilovski Profile

BIRTHPLACE & DATE: Yugoslavia 12/6/59
HEIGHT & WEIGHT: 183cms 68kg
MARRIED: To Elizabeth (we have two daughters, Natalie and Christina).
HOME: Rockdale.
NICKNAME: "Messa".
CAR: Commodore.
OCCUPATION: Fulltime soccer player & club general manager.
PREVIOUS CLUB: Rockdale Ilinden, Avala.
FAVOURITE OVERSEAS CLUB: Manchester United.
FAVOURITE OVERSEAS PLAYER: Franz Beckenbauer.
FAVOURITE LOCAL PLAYER: Zlatko Nastevski.
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Zlatko Markovski.
FAVOURITE GROUND: St George Stadium.
MOST MEMORABLE GAME: 1984 Grand Final Rockdale Ilinden vs Inter Monaro (Rockdale won 3-2).
BIGGEST THRILL: Winning the 1990 NSW Soccer Federation Gold Medal.
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Not winning it any other previous year.
WORST INJURY: None really worth speaking about.
FAVOURITE POSITION: Sweeper.
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: All of them.
FAVOURITE FOOD: Ham & Eggs.
FAVOURITE MUSIC: Rock.
FAVOURITE TV SHOW: Cosby Show.
BEST FRIEND: My wife Elizabeth.
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: Myself kept pushing... plus Frank Lang allowing me freedom.
AMBITIONS: To be a good coach.
MOST PROMISING TEAM-MATE: Jani Cakovski.
PERSON YOU'D MOST LIKE TO MEET: Franz Beckenbauer.

NSW LEADER BOARD

BILL PILOVSKI	SYDNEY MACEDONIA	18
GEORGE KULSCAR	CANBERRA CROATIA	17
TOM DIVLJAK	CANTERBURY	17
SEBASTIAN GIAMPAOLO	INTER MONARO	16
GRAEME FLETCHER	WOLLONGONG MACEDONIA	14
ROBBIE IRONSIDE	BHP AUSTRAL	13
OSVALDO EL ALI	ST GEORGE	12
ZORAN NAUMOVSKI	ROCKDALE ILINDEN	11

Whatever happened?

SYDNEY Olympic striker Steve Refenes was right up the ladder throughout most of the counting on

Wednesday night.

However, he dropped out of the team — and so the chance of winning the NSW Gold Medal disappeared.

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A NIGHT AT THE NSW AWARDS
Columnist
Mike Johnson
surveys
the scene
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MARCONI Marconi Stadium, Marconi Rd, Bossley Park.
PARRAMATTA MELITA Melita Stadium, Everley Rd, South Granville.
ST GEORGE St George Stadium, Bestic St, Rockdale.
SYDNEY CROATIA Croatian Sports Centre, 223-227 Edensor Rd, Edensor Park.
SYDNEY OLYMPIC St George Stadium, Bestic St, Rockdale.

MELBOURNE

HEIDELBERG UTD Olympic Village, Catalina St, East Heidelberg.
MELBOURNE CROATIA Somers St, Lot 2 Somers St, Sunshine North.
PRESTON MACEDONIA BT Connor Reserve Broadhurst Ave, Reservoir.
SOUTH MELBOURNE Middle Park, Anghlie Drive, St Kilda West.
SUNSHINE GC Skinner Reserve, Churchill Ave, Braybrook.

ADELAIDE

ADELAIDE CITY Hindmarsh Stadium, Holden St, Hindmarsh.
 (temporarily Newton Sports Field)

WOLLONGONG

WOLLONGONG CITY Brandon Park, Squires Way, Fairy Meadow.
WOLLONGONG MACEDONIA Brandon Park, Squires Way, Fairy Meadow.

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**MATCH RESULTS
WEEK 272
SAT. 13th OCTOBER, 1990**

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ENGLISH DIVISION 2	BLACKBURN	WATFORD	1	0-2
	BRISTOL C.	WEST HAM	2	1-1
	CHARLTON	LEICESTER	3	1-2
	HULL	OLDHAM	4	2-2*
	IPSWICH	PORT VALE	5	3-0
	MIDDLESBORO	MILLWALL	6	2-1
	NOTTS C.	WOLVES	7	1-1
	OXFORD UTD.	NEWCASTLE	8	0-0
	PORTSMOUTH	BARNLEY	9	0-0
	SHEFF. WED.	PLYMOUTH	10	3-0
	SWINDON	BRISTOL R.	11	0-2
	WEST BROM.	BRIGHTON	12	1-1*
ENGLISH DIVISION 3	BIRMINGHAM	SOUTHEND	13	1-1*
	BURY	BOLTON	14	2-2*
	CHESTER	GRIMSBY	15	1-2
	EXETER	BRADFORD C.	16	2-2
	LEYTON O.	SHREWSBURY	17	3-2
	MANSFIELD	PRESTON	18	0-1
	ROTHERHAM	HUDDERSFIELD	19	1-3
	STOKE	FULHAM	20	2-1
	SWANSEA	CREWE	21	3-1
	WIGAN A.	READING	22	1-0
	BLACKPOOL	DARLINGTON	23	1-2
	CARLISLE	HALIFAX	24	0-3
ENGLISH DIVISION 4	DONCASTER	HARTLEPOOL	25	2-2*
	HEREFORD	BURNLEY	26	3-0
	MAIDSTONE	WALSALL	27	1-3
	NORTHAMPTON	STOCKPORT	28	1-0
	PETERBORO	LINCOLN	29	2-0
	ROCHDALE	CHESTERFIELD	30	3-0
	SCUNTHORPE	GILLINGHAM	31	1-0
	WREXHAM	SCARBORO	32	1-2
	YORK	CARDIFF	33	1-2
	BARROW	KETTERING	34	0-1
	NORTHWICH	TELFORD	35	2-4
	STAFFORD	MACCLESFIELD	36	2-2*
O.M. VALX. CONF. LGE.	WELLING UTD.	MERTHYR T.	37	2-1
	YEovil	RUNCORN	38	1-0

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Results History is from Week 38, the start of Six from 38 Pools

**RESULTS OF
WEEK 272 SAT 13 OCTOBER, 1990**

Winning Match Numbers (in numerical order):
4, 13, 14, 16, 25, 36.
Supplementary Number: 12.

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★ Winning match numbers and supplementary number.

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Huge security planned for Sunday at St George Stadium

SYDNEY Olympic have mounted a huge security operation to guard against violence when they meet Wollongong Macedonia at St

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

George Stadium on Sunday.

The preventive measure is to avoid a repeat of last season's riot when Olympic played Preston at the same venue.



GEORGE PASHALIS

Sixty policemen had to be called in then as reinforcements to quell an ugly disturbance.

Sydney Olympic president George Pashalis does not want the same thing happening this weekend.

"The incidents at last season's Olympic-Preston game were a black mark on the game as a whole.

"It is obvious to one and all that there are a few irresponsible people who are determined to bring politics into soccer.

"Our security measures will cost the club almost \$6000, but the police this time will have no hesitation arresting and charging people if they cause another disturbance."

Members of the NSL executive will also be present to monitor crowd behaviour.

The threat of expulsion from the National League is a distinct possibility should it be proven that either club was responsible for any crowd violence occurring.

The NSL — and the NSW Government — have made it clear violence will not be tolerated and that politically-induced incidents at soccer games will be severely punished.

Toscanelli released

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

MARCELO Toscanelli, the Argentine midfielder who had been training with Sydney Olympic for the past three weeks, has been refused a contract.



MARCELO TOSCANELLI

The Argentinian was shocked as he expected to be signed up after being told in the in Olympic's plans for this season.

What affected Olympic's decision was Gary Phillips telephoning the club last Thursday to inform them he wanted to come back to Australia.

Coach Mick Hickman was told by club president George Pashalis that he could only chose one player for a contract, not both Toscanelli and Phillips.

Hickman, reluctant-

ly, opted for Phillips.

Hickman told ASW: "Obviously, I would have liked to have both, but the club just cannot afford to increase its budget for players, so I decided on Gary."

Sydney Croatia have shown an interest in Toscanelli, with new club president Laurie Grgich inviting the Argentinian for a trial.

Wollongong City coach David Ratcliffe is waiting to see what develops at Sydney Croatia as he too has expressed an interest in the former Rosario Central player.

Wolves show how it's done

WOLLONGONG CITY, as well as fighting hard on the pitch to keep up with the giants of the NSL, have not been dormant off the park either.

Their band of directors and supporters, with the Bradley Report firmly embedded in their minds, have transformed their home ground of Brandon Park into one of the best in the league.

Brandon Park has been adorned with a first class set of floodlights, valued at over \$100,000 thanks to financial help from the club's sponsors, BHP.

There is now a canteen in front of the ground, not to mention a new bar installed on the level below the top floor of the grandstand.

Led by president Laurie Kelly and secretary of many years John Vlietstra, the boys from the 'Gong are winning many points off the field.

The club also prints a match programme that puts most other NSL clubs to shame.

Well done, Wollongong City!

—JOHN ECONOMOS

AN AUSSIE IN CHINA



ALISTAIR Edwards is back in Singapore after watching the recent Asian Games in Beijing as a special guest of the Singapore soccer team.

He was the only Australian in China with accreditation as a competitor.

"It felt strange being the only Aussie, but China is an extraordinary country," he said.

He was particularly impressed by the 6000km-long Great Wall.

Ewards, currently playing for Singapore in the Malaysian National League, will return to Australia early in December to play for Sydney Olympic after completing his commitments with Singapore in the Malaysian National League play-offs.

—JOHN ECONOMOS

NSW GOLD MEDAL NIGHT

Player with flair — people of quality



BY MIKE JOHNSON

WENT to the NSW Soccer Federation annual presentation the other night at the Marconi Club.

Arrived there at 7.15pm and got back home in Sutherland Shire at 12.30pm.

Driving home I pondered whether the time had been worth it, seeing as I don't generally attend such functions.

And this morning, going in late to my office, I have pondered on the health of NSW Soccer and soccer generally in Australia.

Really, it all comes down to the people, the quality of the people, their drive, ability and commitment.

There were presidents, secretaries, treasurers, vice-presidents, general managers, managers, coaches, assistant coaches and there were players — altogether there were some 500 of them.

One of the players on the night was voted their best and fairest: name of Billy Pilovski, Sydney Macedonia sweeper; good passer who likes to play with flair.

There were also parents of players, wives of committeemen, girl friends of players.

It is imperative that a sport attracts women to its functions and sporting events — and children too.

It must attract families to its game, families must be catered for.

Sport cannot afford to splinter and split families.

Coaches and presidents need to know that.

NSW Federation president, Peter Thorne, spoke.

He made sense. They were not happy about the quality of the NSW State League this year, the quality of some of the grounds, the quality of the soccer.

He said a few other things also which were pertinent.

Former Australian national team coach, Rudi Gutendorf once said to me: "It's the medium, not the message."

This was his way of replying to my question of what was most important in coaching.

In other words, it was not what was said, but how it was said.

The speakers spoke well, but didn't

inspire.

There seemed a problem of volume, either of their voices or the Marconi Club sound system, that is until comedian Brian Doyle appeared whose voice carried to every corner of the auditorium, which was rather a pity as I feel too many of his jokes denigrated moral values and had no place in such a setting.

Soccer world-wide is currently afflicted from within and without by forces which could see it go into a rapid decline if remedies are not found.

From without are the troubled young who seek to work out their troubles in townships and on terraces world wide.

Within are those seeking victory by any means.

Attraction

The world's soccer body FIFA needs wisdom and strength to keep the game attractive to the world's population.

The same applies to member countries.

As we in Australia embark on another summer season of National League soccer one finds that aggression continues to play the predominant role in the games.

The make-up of a soccer player or a soccer team falls into three categories: fitness, competitiveness and skill.

While in National League there is a big push after fitness and aggression, there is little evidence of the same pursuit of skill.

What skill there is, is too readily squashed out of existence by overly aggressive play, encouraged by too lenient referees.

In NSW State League we have the opposite, with over-fuzzy referees stopping the game every minute for inconsequential infringements.

Soccer became the world game because it was allowed to flow, by fair-minded players and wise referees.

It produces non-stop action for minutes on end.

Contrast that with gridiron, basketball, rugby league and rugby union, with their touch kicking, time-outs, line-outs, conferences and scrums.

Soccer, given the chance to flow, can entertain, excite and enthrall with its innovative individual flair and non-stop team cohesion.



For that to happen however, players have to be able to play, not just stop others from playing — by fair means or foul.

Professional soccer today competes with other sports for the spectator dollar.

No longer can we say that the entertaining is in the winning.

The winning is always the thing, but today how you win or how you try to win is equally important.

It will take people of quality in a whole variety of positions to make soccer really popular here.

As one looked about the auditorium at the Marconi club presentation, one saw Rale Rasic, David Lee, Casey de Bruin, John Hedison, John Constantine, Ian Holmes, Berti Mariani.

One talked with Albin Mikulski, coach of Polonia, only 33 and many times an international in Poland and Keith Lockrey, NSW referees instructor, whom one ear-bashed about his referees.

Con Mitsios, president of Newcastle Austral, whose club is preparing to go into National League from State League next year as representative of the huge Hunter Region.

Dave McQuire, whom I coached in his Apia days, is their general manager.

Dave is a bit of a whizz in management at one time handling the affairs of St George and Austral at the same time.

He gave me the financial and infrastructure facts, which he considers puts his club in a position second only to Marconi in Australia.

It will take such people and many more to put Australian soccer in a position where it can command respect throughout this country and the rest of the world.

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Jamie Perin, son of former Adelaide City and Soccerroo star John, is a promising member of Adelaide City's youth team which is playing in this season's Southern Division of the NSL Youth League.

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Highly respected South Australian scribe Allan Crisp has become a grandfather for the first time ... our congratulations.

★★★

The South Korean national team which gave the Soccerroos a bit of a lesson in Seoul and Pusan recently could only manage the bronze medal at the Asian Games in Beijing.

Australia's old sparring partners Iran took the gold medal (on penalties) beating North Korea in the final.

★★★

Friday, October 26 is the day for SBS Television's 90-minute documentary on the 1990 World Cup.

Produced and presented by Les Murray, it goes to air at 5pm.

Titled Italia '90 ... The Event it should not be missed by football fans.

★★★

Coaching is harder than refereeing, according to Adelaide Croatia coach Don Campbell.

The former FIFA referee has had a chance to turn his hand to his other love, "coaching" since his enforced retirement as one of our top referees.

Adelaide Croatia enjoyed a highly successful season under Campbell, winning everything but the important one, promotion, by just one point.

When you refereed most of the time you hand your destiny in your own hands, Campbell told me at the farewell luncheon at SASF headquarters for Mike Wells.

"Coaching — well it's all a bit different with your destiny in the



ROGER MILLA — helped secure sponsorship.

players' feet."

★★★

Adelaide Advertiser's Allan Crisp tells me Adelaide City can thank Cameroun striker Roger Milla for securing its latest five-figure sum backing from Gerard Industries.

Apparently Gerard Industries national promotions manager Daryl Martin was impressed with Adelaide City's bold attempt to sign Milla for guest appearances.

"We felt a club with that type of ambition was worth becoming involved with" said Martin.

The sponsorship, announced at Adelaide City's glittering sponsors' breakfast at the Hyatt Hotel last week, is the club's second biggest on record, according to President Charlie Caruso.

Adelaide City now enjoys the support of Gerard Industries, along with other major sponsor Fairmont Pacific Homes, and a host of other substantial backers.

★★★

"Kangawhos?"

BASING the 1990 Australian rugby league team in the heart of soccer-crazed Manchester has reduced Australia's best known rugby league stars to mere strangers in the streets.

Australia's best known rugby league players are just faces in the crowd in Manchester.

It's become a case of the "Kangawhos" not the Kangaroos for Bob Fulton's boys.

Hotel staff continually refer to the Aussies as the "rugby players" from Down Under.

The Kangaroos have attracted little public or media attention in

this sparse city where loyalty belongs solely to the mighty Manchester United.

Britain has dozens of daily national newspapers which flood Manchester's busy city streets with up to five or six editions each day but little coverage, certainly not the intensive exposure the sport commands in New South Wales and Queensland.

JOHNNY WARREN HAS HIS SAY

Peter Russell defends Cup

NATIONAL Soccer League general manager Peter Russell defends the format of the NSL Cup I criticised recently, saying that under the circumstances, there is little more the NSL can do to upgrade the annual competition.

Russell's remarks follow suggestions on this page that the Cup has always been the poor relation of the NSL and drastically needed surgery to re-ignite interest.

Russell points out that it is impossible to include State League clubs without the permission of the various federations, and that due to their commitments it has been impossible to have State League representation.



PETER RUSSELL

tion.

He also points out that last year the NSL made \$40,000 from the Cup and that each club made money from it.

Involving State League and regional centres, says Russell, would put the series' financial viability at risk.

He sees the proposed restructuring of the administration next season as the breakthrough needed to make the NSL Cup a true competition on the lines of the English FA Cup, with teams down to the lowest level of amateur clubs

participating in earlier rounds.

"We would all like to see a Cup on the lines of the FA Cup in Australia," says Russell.

"Hopefully, this will happen in the near future."

And on the subject of venues for the NSL finals series, he says these will still be decided by the NSL executive on a "commercial basis".

Clubs voted in favour of the method of deciding venues as opposed to the more sporting method of allocating home ground advantage to the club which finished highest in the regular league season.

As Russell points out, the clubs, having approved of the "commercial" decision, cannot complain they are treated "unfairly" come Final Five time.



WILDE IN INSPIRING COMEBACK

IT's always a pleasure to travel to Adelaide and last week's visit, principally to MC the SA Federation's Player of the Year award at the Hyatt Hotel, was no exception.

But the real highlight, apart from catching up with so many old friends, was the outcome of the Foundation SA Player of the Year award.

I doubt I have been at a function where the winner was so well received.

And with good reason.

Salisbury United's Paul Wilde, with 40 votes, pipped Cumberland United's Bernie Bridges by a single point for the prestigious trophy and the superb \$3260 Omega Constellation watch which goes with the annual award.

Wilde was a member of Adelaide City's national championship-winning side back in 1986.

Another full season with Adelaide City in 1987, and then tragedy struck.

Two years out of the game with a neck and shoulder cancer threatened the then 24-year-old midfielder's life, let alone his football career.

Young Paul fought for his life in those two years, a return to the pitch little more than a dream.

But back he came with Salisbury United, taking out the Player of the Year prize in what must be one the greatest comebacks in sport.

In the process, Paul gave us all a lesson on life.

A return to the NSL is out of the question as the four nights a week training interferes with his painting contract business.

Welcome back, Paul.

You are an inspiration to all of us.

Goalies tops in England

LIVERPOOL occupy their usual position at the top of the English First Division, daring their rivals to knock them from their perch.

But, aside from Liverpool's on-field brilliance and envied off-field organisation, it can be argued that a fair chunk of their success stems from unorthodox goalkeeper Bruce Grobbelaar.

Grobbelaar, 33, remains at the hub of the Liverpool machine, winners of all their first eight league matches.

Yet not everyone is convinced.

Despite almost 350 league appearances, Grobbelaar is often regarded as an eccentric performer with a capacity for costly blunders.

Regulars at Anfield, on the other hand, know that the Zimbabwani is a fine

example of the adage that goalkeepers improve with age and speak of his admiration for the 41-year-old former England regular and current Derby stalwart Peter Shilton.

"The man is an example to every player coming into the game," says Grobbelaar.

"When I was serving in the army in Zimbabwe I used to tell my mates in the bush that one day I would be

playing against Peter Shilton in the first division. They used to tell me I had more chance of being shot by a terrorist."

Grobbelaar successfully dodged the bullets and achieved his ambition but failed last month in his attempt to realise another personal goal.

His hopes of representing England were dashed by the Football Association who ruled that his previous international experience with Zimbabwe made him ineligible.

That disappointment will only increase his desire to produce his best for Liverpool and demonstrate that, in terms of athleticism and shot-stopping ability, he has few peers in British soccer.

The only consolation for Liverpool's rivals is that goalkeeping standards remain high all over the country.

Norwegian Erik Thorstvedt has conceded only a handful of goals for Tottenham this season and it is no coincidence that English squad members David Seaman and Nigel Martyn have also let in very few.

Seaman is breathing down the neck of the current England incumbent Chris Woods of Glasgow Rangers following his \$2.5 million transfer from



English veteran Peter Shilton

Queen's Park Rangers. Like Thorstvedt, he kept another clean sheet on Saturday.

Martyn, an affable Cornishman signed by Palace from Bristol Rovers, is looked upon as the long-term pretender to the England jersey but can reflect that a soccer goalkeeper's career is seldom completely smooth.

The classic illustration this season has been Everton and Wales' keeper Neville

Southall.

Acclaimed as the best goalkeeper in Britain 12 months ago, internal squabbles with his club have reduced him to a mere mortal so far this season as Everton languish at the foot of the ladder.

It has also been a tough season for former Scottish goalkeeper Jim Leighton, unable to win a place in the Manchester United side and dropped from the national squad.

Night treble for SM Hellas

BY GREG BLAKE

SOUTH Melbourne Hellas re-wrote the record books by defeating State League Brunswick Juventus 1-0 in a scrappy Vic. Health Gold Cup final on a rain-soaked Olympic Park last Wednesday night.

In winning every major Victorian fixture of the 1990 season South Melbourne equalled Melbourne JUST's 32-year-old record of three successive night competition wins.

And South's third consecutive Gold Cup victory also took the club past Melbourne Croatia as the most successful team in night competition.

Souths now boasts eight night cup wins to Croatia's seven over 35 years of competition.

Much of the credit for South Melbourne's win must go to livewire 18-year-old striker Con Boutsianis.

Boutsianis, who came on as a half-time replacement for Michael Michalakopoulos, added some spark to a drab final and scored the winning goal for South Melbourne in the 67th minute.

Boutsianis was on the end of a Kimon Taliadoros header after Danny Wright's run across from the right had set up the Hellas attack.

South Melbourne, previously looking troubled in a disap-



Triumphant, but serious, South Melbourne skipper Angie Postecoglou displays the Charity Shield after downing Sydney Olympic in the final — JOE MONTEMURRO pic.

pointing clash, then went on with the business and looked set to steamroll a disheartened Juventus in the final 20 minutes.

But to its credit Juve stayed in the match for 90 minutes and might have sent the match into extra-time had dynamic Hellas cast-off Damian Mori had just an ounce of luck around goal.

Only a handful of supporters turned out for the final of what used to be recognised as one of Victoria's premier competitions.

Those on hand for Wednesday night's final could have wit-

nessed the end of an era for the black and white of Juventus.

With club president Joe Mirabella already conceding that he might not get another term at the helm, the chances are that coach Terry Hennessey and a number of senior players will also be on the outer.

Hennessey has said that if Mirabella goes he is unlikely to retain his post and his loss could spark a mass exodus of experienced players from Juve's ranks.

Hellas fans who made the trek to Olympic Park would have been heartened by the form of Boutsianis.

With the likelihood of Socceroo star Paul Trimboli having to stay on the sidelines for anything up to another month Boutsianis, last

year's Victorian youth league top scorer, might prove to be a ready-made replacement.

Brunswick Juventus also set a new record with its defeat in the Gold Cup final — although not one it would be too proud of.

Juventus has become the first club to finish runner-up in all three major Victorian competitions in the one season.

Juventus finished second on the State League ladder, lost the Dockerty Cup final to Melbourne Croatia and the night competition final last week.

SOUTH MELBOURNE: MacLaren, Healy, Postecoglou, Durakovic, Blair, Wade, Michalakopoulos (Boutasianis HT), Petersen, Taliadoros, Wright, Tsolakis.

S. JUVENTUS: Laumets, Merley, Mori, Feris, DeAmicis, Lane, Woodell (Egan 57), Sabatino (Bell 79), Doyle, Patterson (McNicol 75), Smith.

REFEREE: J. Fraser.

CROWD: App. 1500.

NOTE: The third place play-off between Croydon City and Sunshine George Cross, set down to be played as a curtain-raiser to the final, was cancelled.

PRESSURE ON KIRNER

PRESSURE is mounting on Victorian Premier, Mrs Kirner, to upgrade soccer facilities in Victoria.

The terrible state of the Olympic Park playing surface was apparently the final straw.

A showdown meeting between Mrs Kirner and delegates from the VSF and NSL clubs will be held this week to work out a solution.

There would appear to be little chance of a big cash injection, bearing in mind Victoria's financial crisis.

One hopes this week's meeting will address this problem.

JEFF OLVER COLUMN



National titles help youngsters

THE National U13 Talent Identification series in Darwin produced some surprises.

Victoria went on to finish third, with Western Australia second and New South Wales winning the Championship.

Congratulations on to New South Wales for a fine job in winning three out of the four championships.

Hopefully, next year it's Victoria's turn.

But the big winner is the game as long as we can keep developing players for the future.

Over the last month the Victorian Soccer Federation has undertaken a huge promotion in the large country town of Mildura, in organising an interstate game between Victoria and South Australia.

During the last month John Dimtsis, the President of the Federation, and Tim White, the Director of Coaching for Victoria, have overseen the organising.

Tim and John drove a number of times to Mildura to meet the local clubs, to get their feedback and to help organise and set up a schedule for the game.

During this time clinics have been organised for the local kids in the area.

Also coaching courses such as Level 0 and Level 1 for the local coaches have been carried out by staff coach.

Fred Brooks.

The game between Victoria and South Australia is a first in the country but certainly not the last, as both States have discussed a future game at Mt Gambier.

Victoria and New South Wales are also discussing another game at Albury/Wodonga.

The promotion weekend incorporated a Sportsnight on Friday with guests national coach Eddie Thomson, former Test cricketer Keith Stackpole, well known raconteur Ray "Slug" Jordan, and Brownlow Medal winner Tony Liberatore.

Congratulations to Robert Enes for being named the Junior Sports Player of the week.

Robert, a product of the Country, travelled twice a week from Shepparton to train then eventually getting picked for the Victorian U14 Squad.

It was a great thrill for Robert to receive this award live on air at 3AW on the Ian McMinn show.

We would like to thank Ian McMinn and his staff for making myself and Robert feel at home.

Over the weekend the Amateur Cup Final was played at Kevin Bartlett Reserve in Richmond.

The final of the seniors was contested between Waverley Wanderers and Malvern Lemnos, with Waverley Wanderers winning 2-1 to retain the Cup.

Congratulations to Waverley Wanderers on a fine job.

In the Reserves Cup final, Upfield and Colingwood City were 1-1 after full-time and extra-time, with Upfield winning 5-4 on penalties.

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VIC 3 SA 0

VICTORIA downed South Australia 3-0 in an historic clash at Mildura on Saturday night.

But the first interstate match played outside either Adelaide or Melbourne attracted a meagre 1,500 fans.

Despite the lack of interest from the Mildura district (population 60,000), the old rivals produced a game of passion and skill.

Victorian centre-back Greg Brack gave Victoria a dream start when he lofted a 25-metre drive past Chris Tsoleridis in the South Australian goal after only six minutes of play.

Victoria cut short a SA revival with a second strike in the 68th minute, as Nick van Egmond volleyed home a magnificent cross from the left.

Substitute Ian Dobson rubbed salt into the SA wound with an injury-time header after two earlier attempts were blocked on the line.

Stung by the initial reverse, SA swept forward as Peter Rankin and Paul Wilde combined to find Eddie Briscoe but the Birkilla firebrand was halted by a dubious off-side decision.

Victoria was unlucky not to have gone further ahead in the 23rd minute when State League Player of the Year Andy Humble crashed through the SA defence but struck his piledriver against the near post.

Humble engineered an even better opportunity four minutes later as he skillfully avoided a lunging dive by Tsoleridis to be left with an empty goal but the star forward boomed his shot over the vacant target.

Victorian fullback Robert Stojcevski coped a booking from referee Dennis Voutsinas for a crunching foul on SA midfielder Kevin McCormack.

SA then enjoyed its most enterprising period as Wilde, Ivica Jurkovic and McCormack kept Rankin John Christopoulos and Briscoe supplied with scoring possibilities.

But it was Victor which grabbed the chance as Sacha Bracinovski unleashed power-laden drive which Tsoleridis savoured brilliantly.



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1990 VICTORIAN GOLD MEDAL AWARD

At the recent Victorian Gold Medal award presentation Fawkner player-coach Claude Lucchesi took the 1990 Gold Medal for Player of the Year with a total of 48 points — 16 ahead of his nearest rival Tyrone James.

Lucchesi, the first player-coach to win the award, came out of retirement for the season.

The gala night, hosted by the ABC's John Bell, was held at the Southern Cross ballroom, at which Victorian Premier Joan Kirner attended as the night's distinguished guest.

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CLOCKWISE FROM TOP:

Gold medal winner Claude Lucchesi and host John Bell.

Rhonda Galbally (Vic Health) right, and Victorian premier Joan Kirner watch as the final Gold Medal votes are called.

Lucchesi is congratulated by premier Joan Kirner.

VSF secretary George Wallace and Mrs Kirner in conference.

NSL chairman Sam Papasavas, VSF chairman Vito Cilauro, journalist Peter Desira and VSF president John Dimtsis.

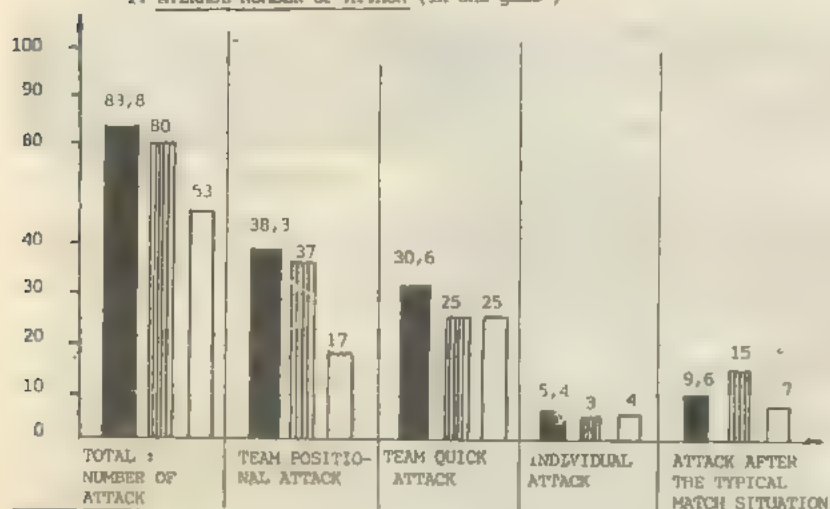


Australia must advance beyond mediocrity

DR JERZY WRZOS CONTINUES HIS WORLD CUP ANALYSIS

Compare Teams: W. Germany (1990 World Cup Champion), ■
South Korea (Finalist 1990 World Cup), —
and Australia, □

1. AVERAGE NUMBER OF ATTACK (in one game)



THIS week the accent is on the limited attacking power in the recent matches against South Korea.

The contrast is particularly made against West Germany the current World Cup holders.

Jerzy Wrzos continues with his analysis

1. The other significant difference, to the disadvantage of the Australian players, was the number of positional attacks executed. The average world team carries out twice as many positional attacks during the 90 minutes play. Today, that form of team attack is very important. It often imposes the style of play upon the opposing team and thus also the result of the match. It is possible to say that the skill

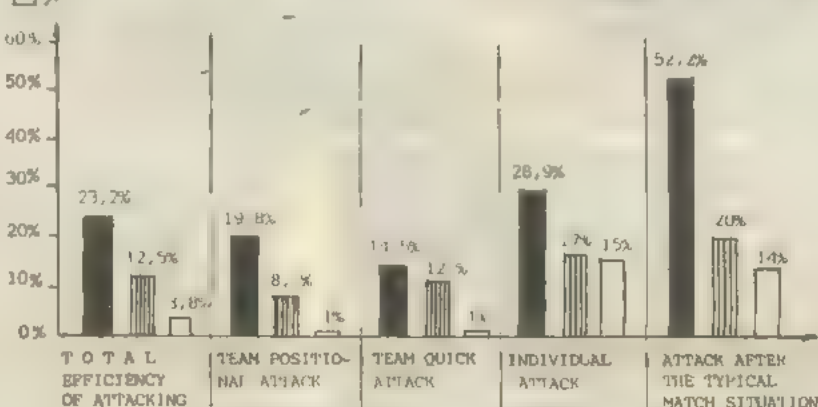
in using positional attack often confirms the ranking of the team, since all the physical, psychological and specialised competence of the whole team goes into executing positional attack.

We remember how our young players experienced a lot of trouble in executing team attack of more than 5/6 passes. This shows that the removal of these and similar technical/tactical (and physical) weaknesses should be one of the most important aims in training (in club teams as well as in the national team).

2. Today, quality not quantity decides effectiveness. When Table (2) listing the effectiveness of attacks and kicks is examined one clearly sees the contrast between the young Australian play-

ers and the best team World Cup '90 — Germany.

Table 2. Average efficiency of attack (in percentage %) in one game. (W. Germany — ■, South Korea — —, AUSTRALIA — □).



This table clearly shows our training task and aims. There is much to be done, both by players and coaches in order to improve all

the elements of soccer skills and close the gap and come closer to a good international standard.

defensive play. Ability to mark and pressurise one's opponent and to provide an insurance by defending one's

when without it.

Often one observes crowding of players on the field, which makes it difficult for the other team to attack. The professional player must not only be able to win in 1:1 situations, but often must cope with two opponents. He not only must take advantage of a small area of play, but above all must pass accurately.

Here, for example, we could look at the case of Diego Maradona in the Mexico '86 final.

He shook off three German defenders and made a perfect pass to Burruchaga, who kicked the deciding goal and Argentina won the World Championship.

Diego made a similar pass to Caniggia in Italy '90 leading to the defeat of the Brazilian team.

Today, the basis of defensive play depends not only on taking part in the play, not on marking-pressing the opponent by team members and limiting the area of play, but above all, on the constant readiness to defend one's partner.

The finals of World Cup '90 emphasised that a soccer match is a constant battle, with



LOTHAR MATTHAUS

Most important is the player's capacity for intelligent play, his talent, technique and tactical thinking.

All are required for effective offensive and defensive play.

Great teams need great players — leaders who often by their own effort, decide the result of a match (e.g. "Toto" Schillaci,



total commitment against one's opponent, and which requires speed and reserves of endurance.

This means that 'if a

Klinsmann, Maradona, etc).

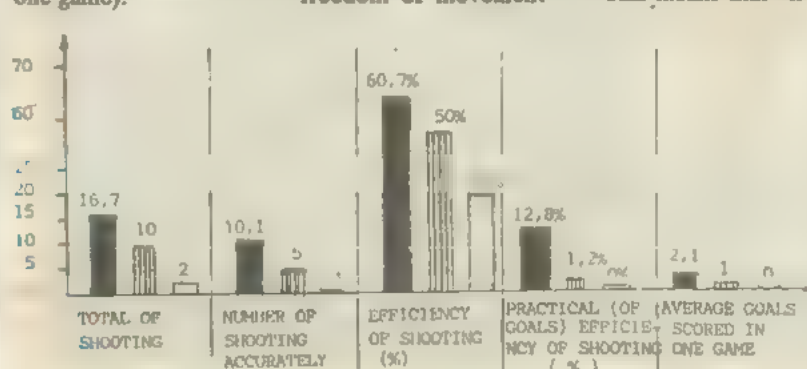
But one must not only be able to train them, it is necessary to integrate them into a team.

Today, we cannot say that somehow we will make it.

We must stop being satisfied with mediocrity.

We must work harder and harder and continue to demand more of ourselves, that is, if we intend to reach our aim and after 20 years' absence to play in the finals of the next World Cup in the US in 1994.

Table 3. Average number and efficiency (in %) of shooting (in one game).



I am convinced that the coaches, Eddie Thomson and Les Scheinflug, will set their training program according to the needs of the players and will use the talents and potential for development of the players to advantage, to build a strong squad.

One thing is certain. Today's soccer demands tactical thinking and thinking play above, means

1. ability to shorten and lengthen the area of play.
2. the largest number of players taking part in both offensive and defensive play, (the whole team)
3. the skill to swiftly limit the movements of the opposing team and shorten the area for

for one's own players in order to put offensive play into action.

5. skill by both individual players and whole team to switch rapidly from defensive to offensive play and vice versa.

6. ability to adapt the tempo of play to one's own needs and capabilities.

7. skill to impose the style of play upon the opposing team.

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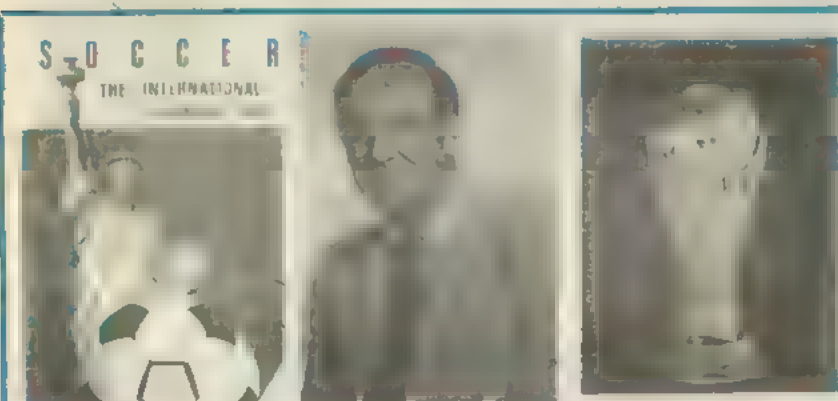
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Time to change

ALAN CLARK WITH MIKE WELLS

MANY soccer clubs in SA face bankruptcy and extinction due to the drying up of their sources of income.

That was the view expressed by SA Soccer Federation general manager Mike Wells in a frank, personal look at the condition of the game in the state.

Wells has left his chief executive post in SA and has taken up a role as the national director of coaching, based in Sydney.

He leaves a legacy of achievement and disappointment.

A major concern is the state of so many clubs.

"Government policies at local and State level over the past few years largely have created an environment that encouraged the setting up of sporting clubs," said Wells.

"In the 1970s, there was a proliferation but now the bills are arriving on their doorstep and with such tightening of legislation on drink driving and the like clubs are finding it increasingly difficult to play."

"Government must make available to clubs new sources of income, such as pokies or many clubs here face bankruptcy and extinction."

Wells, though, said clubs also must work to help themselves.

"One of my major criticisms is that too many clubs have done too little to lift their image, improve training facilities and frequency of training," said SA soccer's former chief.

"If clubs here even are to dream of the NSL they must conduct themselves like an NSL club or they have no chance."

The old hand-me-down methods are no good. As a consequence of that we have several clubs here who are little more than social clubs for members.

"Clubs have to help themselves and help each other. There has to be a liaison between them and any NSL club here."

The NSL clubs too must realise that if the structure below them becomes weaker that ultimately will diminish their position.

Hindmarsh

Wells said restructuring of the game here was a must.

"It is most necessary and has to be phased in," he said.

"Unfortunately, it should have come in years ago and we would have been reaping the benefits."

"But, now, circumstances are forcing the change. We are not going in with positive planning."

One possible method of phased reconstruction would be for two equal divisions, not first and second, to be set up.

The top four sides in each at the end of next



MIKE WELLS

season then would form a first division of eight sides with the remainder fitting into another one or two leagues.

"I have enjoyed much of my time in this job which has been challenging and rewarding," said Wells.

"Board initiatives have helped put the SASF on a solid financial footing."

"When I took over we had an overdraft of \$120,000 and owed the council \$40-\$50,000. Our finances were in tatters."

"But, through new sponsorships, including Foundation SA, and increased fees which, of course, were unpalatable to clubs, we now are in a very solid position."

But the State Government's deferment of the upgrading of Hindmarsh Stadium is a major blow which, according to Wells, could "send tremors throughout the game."

The ramifications of a deferment for two, three or four years could inflict a major loss of sponsors and patronage, said Wells.

"Sponsors were looking forward to making use of corporate boxes and could have rented space at the ground."

"Fans, too, will be denied enhanced facilities and may be tempted not to go to games. This is a major concern."

Centralisation of the game also is a worry to Wells.

"The increased centralisation of sport in Government policies is a concern," he said. "In theory they seem solid but that does not seem to be the way they work."

"On my recent tour of eastern Europe it was clear they were moving away from that policy while we, in Australia, are going towards it."

Wells, who has been with the SASF for 13 years, was the longest serving State director of coaching in Australia before taking over as general manager 20 months ago. Why the role change again now?

"The obvious reason is that it is everyone's aim and ambition to work at the highest level in his chosen field and that is what I will be doing," said Wells.

"I never took this job by choice. I was encouraged to do it and reluc-

tantly agreed to give up the coaching role."

"The Vanuatu trip with the State team rekindled my feelings about coaching and the technical side of the game and I also was encouraged to apply for it. It was too good an offer to refuse."

"If the restructure of the ASF goes ahead, as it should, there could be exciting times ahead for soccer."

"The national director of coaching under new guidelines also now works very closely with the national coach and his assistant on the development of Australia's five national teams."

But Wells warned there had to be co-operation or soccer would go nowhere.

"Everyone must be prepared to work together," said Wells. "There has to be co-operation between the ASF/NSL and the NSL/State League."

"If the internal bickering and personality clashes continue there will be no future for the game."

Wells paid special tribute to the debt he owed to old friend and confidante the late former SASF president Alex Hastings.

He was a source of inspiration and advice to me in my early days here," said Wells. "I found we had similar views on all aspects of the game and I owe him a lot for what he did to help me."

Steve Darby has big ambitions

SOCCER has things to learn from the other football codes, the ASF's first full-time development officer, Steve Darby, believes.

"I would like to see soccer emulate the Australian rules' national forum system where elite players, administrators, coaches and the media can come together to formulate common goals," he said in his first interview since being appointed to the position last week.

"That way we can all be supporting each other instead of being divisive."

"I don't believe any one person or organisation has a mortgage on the good ideas."

English-born Darby's experience extends to all areas of the game.

Since coming to Canberra from Tasmania he has filled the positions of ACT Soccer Federation coaching director and assistant coach of Canberra Croatia.

An educator by profession, he is currently the national women's coach and ACTSF vice-president.

He also has been a specialist contributor to Australian Soccer Weekly.

While he has not been given any rigid guidelines by his new employers, he will start work on a number of new programs.

"Firstly, I want to produce a coaching book for beginners aimed at the parent who wants the basic knowledge to teach a skill and fun-orientated game," he said.

It is absolutely essential that the first experiences of a child in soccer are positive experiences."

He also wants soccer's involvement with the national CAPS (Challenge Achievement and Pathways in Sport) scheme, which has been developed by former Soccerstar star Gary Cole.

Essentially, the AIS, national and state representative programs can cater only for the top 10 per cent of players leaving the remaining 90 per cent with little to aim for," he said.

"If they are ambitious

by nature they could easily leave the sport for other areas."

"CAPS introduces

else, they are our greatest asset. It is up to soccer to ensure we use that asset to its best

"We will have succeeded in this when our 11-year-olds are able to recite the names of the national men's and women's team members

Graham Cooke face to face with the new development man

them to things like refereeing, coaching, administration and first aid, showing how they can achieve excellence in the game other than by playing."

Darby also hinted at a possible overhaul of the mini-soccer program when he said:

"It is essential that the first game our young people play is one that maximises their skill development, while retaining the essential element of fun."

"I will be working with experts in the area to develop a uniform game which will be attractive to the kids."

One activity Darby will not engage in is appearances in shopping centres.

"Not that I am decrying the value of personal contact in this way — but it has to be done by our elite players."

"Above everything



STEVE DARBY

effect.

Children need role models and our top players, male and female, must provide that for them — to encourage and inspire and, indirectly, expand the playing base.

in the same way they might reel off a list of rugby league or Aussie rules stars now."

Darby, currently an officer of the Australian Sports Commission, will take up his new job in November.

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Originally a St George product, Health Goldstein could be joining Marconi. He has been honing his skills with VVV Eindhoven, the little brother club of world famed PSV Eindhoven of Holland.

A few clubs are checking their bank balances to see if they can sign former Socceroo midfielder, Jason Polak. On the outer after a spell in Greece with Panathinaikos, he did not collect a contract in Belgium. The Brisbane product is expected to settle back in Sydney.

Leo Ulloa from Southern Districts, the NSW Second Division winner, is to try out in Chile. Gurkan Tasdemir and Oscar Celik have trialled earlier this year in Turkey and Holland respectively.



SERGIO MELTA

Villani to play a major role. "All the guys felt let down last year at going out early in the playoffs," said Melta.

"I think we tended to think we had reached our goal by making the playoffs and then relaxed. But all the guys are keen to

ners, as we like to think of them, are informed of our strategies," said marketing man Dave Jenkins.

Mark Butler, who collected six goals for Manly Warringah in the NSW Soccer Division, ought to know a thing or two about the game. He is a nephew of former alltime Apia-Leichhardt star Terry Butler, who now acts as coach of the club's highly rated under 19 squad.

South Melbourne president George Vasilopoulos blames the surfeit of "minor" VSF competitions for the disappointing opening NSL crowds in Melbourne last Sunday week. The South Melbourne — Melbourne Croatia game only attracted 4300 compared to 7580 for last season's corresponding match. The Hellas president rightly points out that the Melbourne public was not hungry for NSL matches after being served so many Dockerty Cup and Gold Cup encounters featuring NSL sides prior to the kick-off of the NSL summer season.

Gary Phillips is back from his brief stint in Hong Kong. He is not impressed with the standard in the British Crown Colony.

Marco Perinovic will resume training in a couple of weeks. The knee injury which seemed likely to keep him out of the season is not as serious as first thought, and that's good news for the goal-shy Sydney Olympic attack.

Catastrophic news for South Melbourne Hellas Soccer strikers Paul Trimboli, injured in the Charity Shield match against Sydney Olympic, will be out of action for at least five weeks with medial knee ligament injury.

Aussie John Anastasiadis scored both PAOK goals in their Greek league's 2-0 away win at Yannina last Sunday week. Both goals were headers — in the second and 41st minutes.

Robbie Slater was again selected in the French Second Division Team of the Week a fortnight ago after a brilliant display despite his team, Lens', 1-0 defeat by Tours.

Mark Koussas, the Golden Boot winner at the 1981 World Youth Cup in Australia, has become a referee. Beginning with the NSW Referees Federation earlier this year, he won swift promotion and ended up top dog in his group.

Former ASF executive director Brian Emery has been listed by FIFA in their recent news bulletin under the heading "Panel of the experts for competition organisation." These days he holds an appointment as a full time hockey official in Newcastle.

Sunshine George Cross striker Gary Hasler has turned down for the moment a chance to become a full-time professional with English side Leeds United. Hasler, a key member of Australia's Olympic team, says he wants to play out the NSL season with the Victorian club and again look at the possibility of joining Leeds next season.

Charlie Yankos owns his own contract and will retain ownership under the deal he has struck with Wollongong City. Rumour has it the former Socceroo skipper earned more than \$50,000 from his one-season stint with Blacktown City last season.

PETER Jaksa has been one of the highest profile personalities in soccer in SA for the past couple of decades.

But he had not attended a State Player of the Year presentation until Friday night.

He went along to farewell old friend Mike Wells who has left SA for Sydney to take on the national director of coaching award.

Eddie Thomson has again named Ned Zelic captain of the "Olyroos" for the Australian Olympic team's three matches against their Soviet counterparts next month. Zelic captained the "Olyroos" on their recent tour of Europe.

Sunshine George Cross have had their offer to sign striker Andy Humble knocked back by Victorian State League side Croydon City.

The Victorian Soccer Referees' Association is pushing for the inclusion of a fifth Melbourne referee on the NSL referees' panel. They want Ziggy Mnich added to the list.

Heidelberg coach Len McKendry is confident the Bergers, after a good start to the season, won't fade despite having played almost non-stop since April. McKendry feels that his Victorian State League-winning side has a big advantage by having played together for many months. He does not expect them to fade away in a couple of months, but thinks they can even get better.

OSSIE Latif is well on the road to recovery. Sunshine's lethal goal scoring striker will be training this week. Coach Ernie Merrick expects him to be playing by mid-November.

MARCONI striker David Seal, top scorer in last season's NSL with 15 goals, is still only 18 years of age. He has given up his HSC studies at Penrith High School to concentrate on football and help out in his father's business. He may soon play in Europe as Dutch talent scouts will be checking him out. Seal is one of the keys to the success of Australia's Young Socceroos, and he is now in the Olympic Games squad as well.

North Shore United is still battling to secure a home ground. The prospect of a ground with facilities to meet NSW Federation requirements at Naremburn has been dashed by Willoughby City Council. It seems that, along with a few Northside councils, the thought of providing facilities for semi-professional players is a "no, no".

Aytec Genc was a key player in bringing Mike Johnson's Turkish-backed Southern Districts club through to the NSW Second Division premiership for 1990. However, he strained knee ligaments in Parramatta Melita Eagles' first up NSL game and is sidelined for a few weeks yet.

Australian Olympic team skipper Ned

Zelic and Sydney Croatia took quite some time to come to terms over this season's contract.

It ended in a compromise with the club prepared to negotiate on a maximum transfer fee at the end of the season at Zelic's request, and Croatia going without the sought-after one year option on his services.

Zelic's superb skills have marked him out as a target for Europe. He has already had a

spell with Leeds United and has agreed to further trials there.

THERE's still life at Melbourne City JUST — well, just! According to director Ken Knight, one of four owners, there would be a lot more if the council and government could agree on the future of Schindler Reserve. In the meantime, the clubrooms remain unfinished and Knight and his backers have piled in several hundred thousand dollars to no avail, so far.

PERSONALITY PLAYER



GEORGE SORRAS (Sydney Olympic)

NAME: George Sorras
CLUB: Sydney Olympic
BIRTHPLACE & DATE: Sydney, 11/4/72.
HEIGHT & WEIGHT: 185cm, 78kg
MARRIED: No
HOME: Redfern.
NICKNAME: "Yogi".
CAR: Ford XE.
OCCUPATION: Soccer Player
PREVIOUS CLUB: Sydney Olympic Juniors, A.I.S.
FAVOURITE OVERSEAS CLUB: Tottenham 'Spurs and Olympiakos.
FAVOURITE OVERSEAS PLAYER: Lothar Matthaus, Jimmy Patikas.
FAVOURITE LOCAL PLAYER: Scott Ollerenshaw.
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: None so far
FAVOURITE GROUND: St George Stadium.
MOST MEMORABLE GAME: Opening match of Oceania qualifiers, Australia vs Vanuatu
BIGGEST THRILL: Being selected for the Australian Youth squad.
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Not playing in last year's Youth League Grand Final because of a broken toe.
WORST INJURY: Current knee injury.
FAVOURITE POSITION: Attacking midfielder.
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Golf.
FAVOURITE FOOD: Steaks.
FAVOURITE MUSIC: Variety.
FAVOURITE TV SHOW: 'Acropolis Now'
BEST FRIEND: Family
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: Family again.
AMBITIONS: To reach highest level in Australian Soccer.
MOST PROMISING TEAM-MATE: Eric Hristodoulou.
PERSON YOU'D MOST LIKE TO MEET: Richard Gere.
TOP FIVE FOR THIS SEASON: Marconi, Apia, Sydney Olympic, Melita and Melbourne Hellas.

— JOHN ECONOMOS



JOHN KOCH

Brotherly love! If Sydney Olympic defender John Koch joins Sydney Croatia, he will have linked up again with his brother, striker Clayton Koch. Clayton formerly played for Queensland League club, Pine Rivers in their home town of Brisbane. As forecast in ASW, Olympic Games team midfielder John Gibson has joined Sydney Croatia on loan from Blacktown City.

Former NSL referee Doug Rennie is now the national referees coach for the Australian Soccer Federation.

Sergio Melta has predicted a big NSL year for Adelaide City and he expects Charley

do better this time. We want to finish No 1 at the end of the minor round and then go on to win the championship.

He added: "We have changed our style a little. The better grounds in summer allows us to build up much more quickly from the back. Charley Villani could have a big year.

"All the guys are commenting on how well he is looking after his poor year last season with injuries."

ADELAIDE City launched its season with a sponsors' breakfast. "It is a pre-season function and will be part of an ongoing breakfast or lunch routine where the club's business part-

Brusasco takes a bow

MOVES by FIFA to widen the goalmouth has stamped former Australian Soccer Federation chairman Ian Brusasco ahead of his time.

Seven years ago Brusasco called for changes to the goalmouth size in a speech to the Queensland press club.

He also suggested the scrapping of goalkeepers and changes to the offside and backpass rules.

In a move which almost makes Brusasco prophetic, the Executive Committee of FIFA is expected to propose altering the size of the goal at its next meeting in Zurich in December.

The committee, concerned by the record low goals-per-game average at the last World Cup, wants the goalmouth increased in width from 732cm to 775cm and in height from 244cm to 260cm — about 17ins wider and 6ins higher.

When Brusasco first proposed his ideas, they were dismissed within and outside the code as "scatter brain ideas from someone who had never played the game".

This week, Brusasco said he was surprised it had taken FIFA seven years to realise the benefit of wideening the goalmouth.

"It's the only sensible thing to do to bring more goals into the game," he said. "I've never wished that I hadn't said it."

While his southern critics reminded Brusasco of his controversial outlook on the game when he became Australian Soccer Federation chairman two years ago — and raised it again when he lost this year's vote to John Constantine — the Queenslander believes the code here has much to gain from widening the goals.

"Unlike in other countries, soccer here is competing against three high-scoring football codes," he said.

"It's what Australians understand and want from their sport and it has got to happen in soccer if the code wants to keep up."

Brusasco, whose experience in Australian soccer spans 30 years, suggested wider goals could be trialled in the next pre-season, but warned any permanent rule change would have to be phased in.

"The cost of changing every set of goalposts on every park in Australia would be staggering," he said.



IAN BRUSASCO

— GREG RUSSELL

Stowell returns fire over "track-suited buffoons"

QUEENSLAND coach Bruce Stowell has hit out angrily at a Sydney newspaper report which labelled State Directors of Coaching as "track-suited buffoons".

Stowell said the Daily Mirror story (Friday, September 28), which lauded the current crop of NSL coaches, ignored the contributions made by directors of coaching in formulating programs which had produced or unearthed many of today's young NSL stars.

"I believe it is a contradiction and a show of gross ignorance to regard NSL and National team squads as the strongest-ever then criticise the directors of coaching," Stowell said.

"The fact is it is the State Directors of Coaching who have worked extensively with players and coaches at all levels.

"The DOCs are the ones who have put into place programs that are ensuring a regular supply of playing and coaching talent."

The Tom Anderson-penned article praised the organisational skills of the NSL "elite" coaches including Frank Arok, Berti Mariani, Manfred Schaefer, Ferenc Puskas, Raul Blanco and

Zoran Matic.

Anderson added: "Sure, there are still some track-suited buffoons who like to talk tactics in a language nobody understands. But thankfully, they are not to be found in the NSL set-up and are mainly confined to the 'Director of Coaching' stable."

Stowell, who was passed over for the various Australian Soccer Federation appointments made over the past few months, is among the best credentialled coaches in Australia after a distinguished player career which included a Rothmans Medal win with Pan Hellenic.

His recent coaching record speaks for itself.

In both stints with the Australian under 16 team (1985 and 1987) he helped to guide the Joeys to the quarter-finals, while he has ensured Queensland has scored more than its share of victories over NSW in interstate and State of Origin matches over the past seven years.

Stowell's relentless combing of Queensland's country areas and intimate knowledge of the Brisbane scene has unearthed and polished players like new Marconi signing Stephen Corica, Sunshine's Troy Cran-

ney, Sydney Croatia's Clayton Koch, Blacktown's Eddie Lees and Australian Schoolboys captain Glenn Gwynne, who plays in Brisbane with Taringa Rovers.

"I would put my record as a player and a coach against anyone," Stowell said.

"The problem in the media is that too many people consider the good coaches are the ones with trophies at the end of a season."

"The truth is the good ones are not in the job for trophies."

"They see their job as one to develop players and if trophies come along then they are more of a reward for the players."

Stowell conceded that there were considerable differences between the approach and style of the various State DOCs, but was unwavering in his commitment that all had a respectable understanding and application of player development.

"I certainly resent being grouped under a general heading of 'tracksuited buffoons' and would hope the journalist responsible devotes similar space to outlining the work being done at state level to ensure a new crop of players and coaches are groomed to take over from those presently in the NSL spotlight."

Pimblett explores the market

BY GREG RUSSELL

FRANK Pimblett, Queensland Soccer's Inaugural 106.9 QFM Gold Medal winner, has hinted he would like to finish his illustrious career away from Spencer Park.

The state captain, who polled a record 36 votes to win the medal, has been on Brisbane City's books for 13 years.

The 33-year-old stressed he was not unhappy at City, but believes he may have achieved as much as he can with the club.

"It would be a rough decision to leave City as they have always looked after me and there are so many wonderful people there," Pimblett said.

"But I sometimes wonder what it would be like to play at another club."

Any split between Pimblett and City would hinge solely on the goodwill of the club.

Pimblett, City's longest serving first team player, has always signed in good faith without any fancy get-out clauses in his contract.

"I'm not sure what I would be worth at this stage, but it would be a nice thank-you from the club if my transfer fee was not an issue if I ever decide to leave City."

While a host of clubs would certainly come knocking for Pimblett's signature, the midfielder says he is no longer trophy hunting.

"When I came back to the game after two years out, my aim was just to enjoy myself," he said. "That still remains my goal."

"If I was to go somewhere else, I think I would like to be involved in a young team that would benefit from my experience."

While Pimblett's accolades in his comeback have included the state captaincy, the Australian Soccer Press Association's Player of the Year and the Courier-Mail Best and Fairest Award, he admits he never dreamed of winning an award from referees.

In his National League days with City, Pimblett developed a hard, sharp-tongued reputation which often riled referees. But two years out of the game mellowed his outlook.

"I still say what I think of some decisions, but I talk to referees in a different way now," he said.

"It comes down to understanding each other. I refereed a few practice games a while ago which helped me realise how difficult the job is."

"We all make mistakes — I certainly haven't played a game yet without one — and it's a matter for referees and players to

understand that."

Pimblett said he went to the QFM Medal Presentation only expecting to be among the "also-rans".

"I thought at best I would finish with a respectable tally of about 15 or 16 points," Pimblett said.

"Even after a few rounds of votes had been revealed, I still didn't think I would win. I had missed the last game and played the second last one with a knee injury."

But Pimblett caught the referees' eye in the matches that counted and finished with eight three-pointers in his 36-point haul.

East's defender Stein Grotum tied with Rochdale Rovers player-coach John Stewart in second place with 27 points — which would have been a winning total in most other years.

The previous record number of votes was held by last year's winner, Coalstars Andy Ogden, who polled 29.

Apart from Pimblett's record tally, the intriguing aspect of the top half of the points tally was the prominence of Pine Rivers players.

The club, which is only in its second year in the XXXX League, had four players in the top 15 points-scorers.

Midfielder John Schiavo and striker Noel Carroll finished on the



FRANK PIMBLETT

third line of voting with 21 points — along with Thistle's Keith Marsh, a former medal winner — while Clayton Koch grabbed 15 points and Peter Underhill just two less.

In other awards, Dick Mitchell was named Coach of the Year after

saving Mount Gravatt from relegation when he took over with eight games to go.

Koch was Player of the Year, North Star defender Nick Seeley the Rookie of the Year and Bill Monteverde Referee of the Year.

Mal Bland departs as Regional Director

POPULAR long-serving Brisbane coach Mal Bland, who has been the Brisbane and West Moreton Regional Director of coaching for the past two years, has resigned.

Bland has taken up a business opportunity which he believes offers more security for his family.

"There are no problems with the job or with the QSF," Bland said.

"The opportunity arose quite suddenly and I had to look further down the track with regards to my family and financial security."

"I won't be disappearing as Brisbane is my home, though my time will be limited and I am definitely not interested in coaching at any high level for quite a while."

Bland has been one of the coaching success stories since he ended a successful playing career with Mount Gravatt and Easts.

The former Kiwi international had a stint at the helm of the Tigers but has made his home in recent years in his role as Brisbane coach, State

Assistant coaching and Brisbane Regional DOC.

Bland gained a reputation for surprise selections in his Brisbane teams for the intercity series, but his style gave players unexpected opportunities to push for state selection.

Over the past 12 months, Bland has been among the busiest of Queensland coaches doing extensive schools

work and coaching of junior coaches in his role as Brisbane DOC.

"I've taken soccer and informed coaching to thousands of youngsters and their parents," he said. "But there is plenty more work to be done and I hope the programs that are in place now continue."

Bland still hopes to continue in his role as assistant to state coach Bruce Stowell.



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PAUL GOODWIN REVIEWS THE SEASON

THE Second Division season has come and gone and most supporters will agree that it has been a very worthwhile experience.

For Southern Districts it was a marvellous time a sensational string of results culminating in a clear-cut premiership win and promotion to First Division.

The key factors appear to have been the introduction of two loan players from National League side Melita, Hugo Gimenez and Aytec Genc, and the exceptional guidance of Mike Johnson as coach.

The Turkish supported club had a good year in 1989, but it was a surprise when it was promoted after finishing only third.

The results, however, speak for themselves and the Federation's decision in lifting the club to the more demanding division was fully vindicated.

There were few stars at the club. A superb all round team effort carried the day, although players of quality emerged and were respected opponents.

The team survived the departure of a goalkeeper in mid-season and two players leaving for overseas as the season grew to a climax.

Coupled with injuries at various times, Mike Johnson is to be complimented on getting so much out of a fairly thin squad.

For Agenor Muniz's Dulwich Hill it was a case of getting the right result on the wrong days.

They defeated their main rivals Southern Districts on three of the four occasions they met during the year.

A 1-0 win at Ernie Smith bade well for the clincher at Arlington on the last day of the season, but the immense pressure told and they bowed out in a 4-1 loss to the jubilant premiers.

In the Finals series they won 4-1 themselves and beat the old foe 2-0 in the Grand Final to take the Championship trophy.

Dennis Duarte took a while to recapture his old form, which he could only



AYTEC GENC

show in patches and Nello Borges did not have a vintage year.

The defence, well marshalled by Kevin Gaffney and Jim Ziras, did things right this time, but Muniz could not find enough support for Duarte throughout the season to turn draws into wins when it really mattered.

Carlos Donoso and Peter Dameski were a success and there were steady showings by both full backs Jorge Johnson and Richard Lira.

Zaya Jabrael always drove the team well in midfield, but tribute must be paid to goalie Kevin Farrar who kept the side in the game on many vital occasions when the defence looked like cracking.

Fairfield City were slow starters, but under Vince Estavillo's careful guidance they made full use of a solid, if unspectacular bunch of players.

The good points-haul was attributed by many observers to the difficulties opponents had of playing on Fairfield's postage-stamp-sized pitch at Knight Park.

This was not borne out by results away, where the side showed an equal consistency and they were no more dominant at home than any other top side.

Petersham had a highly impressive first season at this level and will have

reason to believe that only a few more wins early in the year and they could have been a title possibility.

Outside the top four the competition was the closest in years, with only ten points separating 9 clubs.

Gladesville-Hornsby improved after drawing too many of their early matches, and ended up scoring more goals than anyone outside the top two.

Many new players emerged and coach Les de Celis will be disappointed if the club does not figure in the top two or three next term.

Mount Druitt had an exceptional year after such a poor 1989.

Wayne Farnsworth's transition to coaching appears to have helped his game, judging by his strong voting for team-of-the-year.

After all, he was in the side last year without making such a strong impression, although bugged by injuries, it must be said.

Jim Foley's Central Coast did well enough, coming from a 3rd Division side which remained basically unchanged.

They can do better once they get some consistency going and if they can shake off their injury worries.

Waverley was a delight to watch when on song, which was often during the season, but not often enough for a full 90 minutes.

Many games ended square which should have been won and their fans must have found it difficult to follow them, when they knew the players had the ability but could not sustain it.

Auburn-Yugal was unable to get motivated in the middle stages of the season and failed to fire up front for most of the campaign.

They showed more discipline once Rale Rasic arrived on the scene and they will need to keep that going if success is to return.

Granville Chile had a poor trot, even with Andy Ferris doing such a fine job up front for them all year, having lost the support of Dennis Duarte.

Too many coaching and team changes did not help. If good times are to return to Garside Park, a greater degree of stability will be required in future.

Rosebery, who were at the heels of the leaders early on, faltered badly with the release of player/coach

Kelly Cross, whose recovery from injury came too late to make a return to the field for the side he had guided to the 3rd Division title.

Mick Evans took over and results just didn't come his way, eventually giving way to Ron Gogic, whose haul of five from the last 5 games showed that the tide was turning all too late.

Manly Warringah lost many through injuries and when defender Mario Nola went overseas and Tiz Morosini was put out of action, things went downhill.

Young players were tried and appearing in every game.

John Garrett was also out for a long period, but goalkeeper Warwick Tingle had a vintage year as their Player of the year.

Orange Waratah failed to get the necessary support from the entire Orange district and fell away in numbers, making it very hard to field competitive teams.

They never managed a win, although many of their matches were close and always fought hard.



HUGO GIMENEZ

The majority of the clubs would be a credit to semi-professional soccer and most have the right approach, with progress being made all the time.

SEASON'S FINAL SCORERS:
17 Barry Walker, Dennis Duarte

13 Sep Disch, Graeme Williamson

11 Paul Harriott, Andy Ferris, Steve Karavatakis, Leo Ulloa

10 Paul Pettefon

9 Darren Stephenson

8 Ozcan Celik, Remyle Galloway, Biroi Seribas, Wayne Farnsworth

7 Gurkan Tasdemir, Ray Carney

6 Mark Butler, Paul Corbett, Jason Gribble, Ugher Taskin, Craig Smith, Aytec Genc, Bernie Voloder

5 Andrew Ollier, Gary Hastie, Jimmy Berry, Nello Borges, Alberto Arbelo, Craig Lowe, Ron Davison, Erkin Osman, David Batten

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State League commences

FROM BOB GENNER

SIX Sydney clubs and two from Illawarra commenced the quest for State League supremacy at the Fairfield Leisure Centre on Saturday, October 6.

Matches are being played at the centre starting at 7.15pm, 8.30pm and 9.45pm.

Games will also be played at Kiama Quarry Leisure Centre (Havalah Street) starting 7.15pm.

They will continue each Saturday evening at both centres until December 22 and then recess for the Christmas holidays.

The competition will resume on January 19 with the semi-finals scheduled for February 9 and the final on February 16.

Sydney teams are Sydney ASS, Bankstown Falcons, Sydney Strikers, Western Sydney, AMIGA Commodores, and Haberfield Azzurri.

In the first round of the competition, AMIGA Commodores easily accounted for the new team Sydney ASS in a 20-4 romp.

The second match had the 1989 National League winners, Western Sydney being held 4-4 by the Bankstown Falcons.

In the final game, Sydney Strikers beat off the challenge from Haberfield Azzurri 10-4 to round off a high 46 goal evening.

Western Sydney had a tense struggle with Bankstown Falcons.

They took the initiative early when Brett Duval made a run up court from deep within his half to beat the defence for the first goal after only three minutes.

The Swans also scored next when Kenny Wilson netted from a goal mouth scramble and he followed



BRETT DUVAL

up with a second goal three minutes later from a header from a corner throw.

Harry Bouviators then scored for Bankstown for a 3-1 half time scoreline.

The second half was 14 minutes old before George Assimakopoulos scored from close range from Bankstown.

Gill Tour scored off a Charlie Akkary backheel several minutes later although he mishit the ball and it only just rolled over the goal line.

The Falcons hit back strongly when Paul Rago easily beat the Swans defence with only three minutes remaining.

The Bankstown team continued to maintain the pressure and were rewarded for their efforts when Peter Karamentzitors tied the game 4-4 in the last couple of minutes.

POINTS: Amiga Commodores, Sydney Strikers 3, Bankstown Falcons, Western Sydney 2, Haberfield Azzurri, Sydney ASS 0.

SCORERS: White 6, Sika 6, Momircevi 4, Edwards 3, Cross 3, Knight 2, Tones 2, Green 2, Wilson

NEXT WEEK 20.10.90, Fairfield Leisure Centre 7.15pm Sydney ASS v Sydney Strikers, 8.30pm Bankstown Falcons v Haberfield Azzurri; Kiama Quarry Leisure Centre 7.15pm Western Sydney v Illawarra 1, 8.30pm AMIGA Commodores v Illawarra 2.

Demons' early signings

EXPERIENCED defender Andrew Brockbank has been signed by Blacktown City in readiness for the NSW 1991 State League

Also already set are exciting midfielders Gary Comerford, Jason Connolly, Daman Langan and Eddie Lees.

In addition, the Demons have forwards Geoff "Grinner" Gunning, rangy Stan Suman and Lawrie McKinna.

Gunning and McKinna are on loan to Parramatta Melita and Wollongong Wolves respectively for the current NSL season.

Glen Geppert, Mathew Heighway and Damon Thomson are under the Demons' school scholarship scheme for the next three years.

The club is getting its act together, with coach Ron Corry working closely with fulltime secretary, Col Scott-Kemmis.

Obtaining experience is the name of the game for many young Demons.

Reserve goalkeeper Andrew Cruise had a fortnight in South East Asia with the AIS team.

Earlier in the year Brad Maloney was in Fiji for the Oceania series with the successful Young Soc-ceroos.

Hayden Begbie, Steve Tyerman and Jason Sultana were in the NSW Schools unbeaten champion team at the national titles in Melbourne recently.

The former pair have been chosen for the Australian Schools squad's tour of Singapore, Thailand and Malaysia.

— PHIL MARTIN



Referees Congress



The Australian Soccer Referees' Federation held its twenty-third annual national congress in Melbourne over the weekend.

The National Congress was also attended by the States, the affiliated referees, ASRF national executive, including president Dieter Klose, secretary-treasurer Carl Thayer and registrar Frank Chadwick.

The Referees' National Coach, Doug Renne, also attended. Invited guests included Alan Vessey, General Manager of the Australian Soccer Federation and Peter Russell, the General Manager of the Quilt National Soccer League.

One of the major and potentially most controversial issues considered by the Referees' National Congress concerned the functioning and rules governing the operations of the NSL Referees' Appointment Board.

Queensland plan for future

BY PAT MURPHY



KIERAN COOPER

tic visit was a great catalyst for the game.

After their 2-0 grand final loss to Brisbane City, Brisbane Lions will have to regroup for the 1991 season, having been defeated by Eastern Suburbs in the 1989 Grand Final.

The match was a typical Grand Final — no quarter asked, no quarter given.

Both teams went to the half time break at 0-0.

At the 58th minute Brisbane City broke the deadlock when striker Kieran Cooper attacking from Brisbane Lions' territory, outpaced the Brisbane Lions defenders to finally beat keeper Kevin Tatton.

In the 90th minute, Brisbane City's Frank Cole, a mid-season signing from Brisbane Lions, put the match beyond doubt with a power ladden shot for goal to make the full time score 2-0 to Brisbane City.

Lions appeared to lack the urgency to win on the day, while Brisbane City were consistent in their approach to the game.

THE new Queensland soccer development plan is due to be released in eight weeks time.

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Increased exposure for national team

BY KEITH GILMOUR

AN approach has been made by the Australian Soccer Federation to the New Zealand Football Association in an effort to secure home and away warm-up matches leading up to the England-Australia game next year.

National coach Eddie Thomson made

the request for more games.

The international against the Englishmen will be played on Saturday night, June 1, and will be televised live to England, with the venue either Sydney or Melbourne.

ASF general secretary Alan Vessey said: "We have spoken to the Victorian premier, Mrs Joan Kirner, about what would be



John Constantine

necessary were the match to be played in Melbourne."

The attempt to at last upgrade the standing of the Socceroos is most welcome.

ASF chairman John Constantine said: "If New Zealand cannot accommodate us we will look for other games."

"In any case we are aiming to hold a three nation tournament when the Socceroos return from the President's Cup, which will be held in South Korea in mid July."

The ASF Commissioners accepted the forward looking Bradley Report at last Wednesday's meeting, and it is destined to be approved as the states have already agreed to its implementation.

High on the agenda for introduction for the 1991-92 season will be the acceptance of clubs to the National Soccer League from outside the present cities of Sydney, Melbourne, Wollongong and Ade-

laide

"It is now all systems go for the regionalisation of the NSL, providing that any new club reaches the very strict standards that will be applied by the commissioners," said Constantine.

Finalisation of the new rules is being handled by our lawyers with the Corporate Affairs Commission in Canberra.

"We expect that the states will meet to endorse the arrangements envisaged in Dr Graham Bradley's report in five weeks' time."

Under the streamlined administration system proposed, the sport will be controlled by seven commissioners.

Three will be elected by the state federations and one by the NSL, and one will be the chief executive.

The commissioners themselves will add two more, one of whom for the first year will come from the NSL.

A limited promotion and relegation system will give State League clubs from Sydney and Melbourne the chance to reach the higher league, provided they meet strict criteria relating to team strength, crowds, finance, administration and promotion.

In a welcome move the ASF is aiming to send the U17 Joeys to Chile for eight matches leading up to the World U17 Cup in Ecuador next August.

Alastair Edwards due back in December

BY JOHN ECONOMOS



ALISTAIR EDWARDS

ALISTAIR Edwards, Sydney Olympic's top striker in last season's Grand Final, wants to come back and play for Sydney Olympic again in December.

He was cleared by the club for \$50,000 only two weeks ago.

Edwards contacted Olympic and expressed his desire to play for them again.

Singapore are currently involved in the play-offs of the Malaysian National League which end on December 8.

He is then free to return to Australia and play for Olympic till the end of the season before returning to Singapore.

This news comes as a relief to Olympic coach Mick Hickman, who

only three weeks ago was short of strikers.

He was without the services of both last season's stars, Edwards and Abbas Saad, the latter also being in Singapore.

But to Hickman's great relief, Scott Ollerenshaw and veteran Kiwi international Kevin Hagan both shook off long, nagging injuries to rejoin the team.

Saad is now expected back from Singapore in two weeks and with Edwards' return in December, Hickman will have four top liners vying for the two striking positions.

And to top it all off, Hickman has been informed by doctors that his young AIS George Sorras will not need a knee operation.

FIFA plan more stunning changes

NOT content with considering enlarging the goalposts, FIFA will ask the International Board, their law-making body, to also consider the following reforms when it meets in June 1991 in Belfast:



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changes in the past two months and that FIFA was obliged to consider all the suggestions.

The world body, however, is not empowered to make any changes.

All alternations to the rule can only be

decided by the International Board.

Blatter told the Italian newspaper he was reasonably confident that at least two of the changes listed above would be endorsed and become law in 1992.

— LOU GAUTIER

Likely lads in Olympic Games squad

NSL experience abounds in the Australian Olympic Games soccer squad selected for the three match series against their USSR opposite numbers.

Of the 18 man squad only Dominic Longo (Blacktown City) and Shaun Murphy (Perth Italia) have no NSL commitments.

"The lads have a great deal of potential, provided they keep improving on the form they displayed on the recent European tour," said coach Eddie Thomson.

As promised, Thomson promoted Paul Okon, David Seal and Lorenz Kindtner from the under 20 youth team, along with Milan Blagajevic.

Although their new marketing and PR manager is not yet in place, the Australian Soccer Federation should leave no stone unturned to ensure that the matches against the Soviets

are well promoted.

In Sydney they should utilise the services of the NSW Amateur Federation, which has the structure already in place to assist towards building a very sizeable attendance for the game.

The match schedule is: Fri November 9, Parramatta Stadium 7.30pm; Sun November 11, Hindmarsh Stadium 3pm; Wed November 14, Olympic Park 7.30pm.

The squad is:
Anthony Vidmar, Carl Veart (Adelaide City), Milan Blagajevic (APIA), Dominic Longo, John Gibson (Blacktown City), George Silfkaas (Heidelberg), Steve Georgaklis, David Seal, Paul Okon (Marconi), Greg Dickinson, Steve Mautone (Mellita), John Filan (St George), Gary Hasler, Lorenz Kindtner (Sunshine George Cross), Ned Zelic (Sydney Croatia), Eric Hrastoudlou, Steve Refenes (Sydney Olympic), Shaun Murphy (Perth Italia).

— KEITH GILMOUR

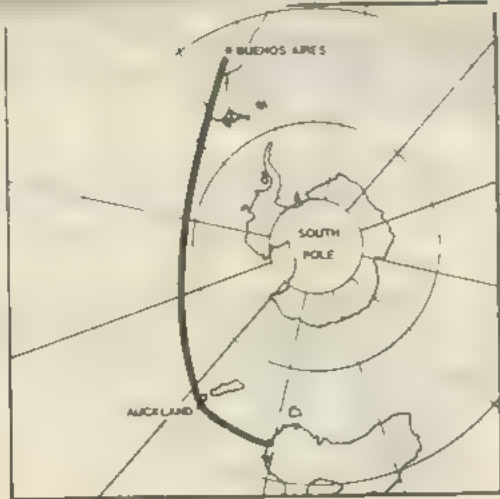
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Paul Wilde top SA Player of year

SALISBURY and State midfield star Paul Wilde has won the Foundation SA Player of the Year award.

The 26-year-old stylish left-footer clinched this year's award at a gala, black tie dinner last week.

He polled 40 votes to pip former winner Bernie Bridges, of Cumberland by one.

Polonia defender Damian Harley, who is trialling in England, was third on 34 votes with Mike Donnelly, of Beograd on 32.

Wilde, whose contract expires next month, will be on the market for \$7000.

But he has promised first option on his services to Salisbury.

SA was saddened by the shock passing of former Beograd supremo Ron Sadler.

He was a keen participant at the club's presentation evening on Saturday but passed away next day after a massive heart attack.

Gerard Industries (Clipsal) will back the club for a five-figure sum.

It is the club's biggest sponsorship after the backing of Gordon Pickard's Fairmont Pacific Homes. Those two company names will be emblazoned on City's new Patrick strips.

The announcement of the new deal was made at a sponsors' breakfast to launch the new NSL season.

City president Charlie Caruso said: "This is a very significant boost for the club and a very welcome filip to the new season."

ADELAIDE City coach Zoran Matic does not see the 15th NSL season being as close as last year.

"I can't believe that will happen," he said. "I feel some clubs will pull away at the top and there will be a gap from the others. I just hope we are in that top group."

AN ASF Level I (Basic) coaching course will be held from October 28 to November 18 at Hackham West.

Course instructor is Harry Brown and cost is \$15. Contact Bob Barnard on (085) 56 6377 for details. Barnard also can provide information

on a Class 3 Referees Course.

BIRKALLA Eagles is to look at a younger man to join its coaching team next season and that has left John Evans on the outer.

Evans has been assistant coach at the club for four seasons but will look elsewhere in the close season.

OLONIA seems sure to go on an extensive recruiting campaign before next season.

The club was among the Foundation SA pacesetters for much of the year before falling by the wayside.

As many as six new players could be joining the club for 1991.

ADELAIDE City attacker Aurelio Vidmar has bounced right back into Soccerroo plans with his return to Australia.

National coach Eddie Thomson left that in no doubt during a visit to SA.

"He most definitely is back in the picture," said Thomson.

"Really he never would have been out had he not gone to



AURELIO VIDMAR

Europe for trials.

"But he looked fit and eager when he joined us for a short spell in Switzerland and he is the kind of bloke we want involved in the side."

The 'Roo boss was well pleased with his Adelaide City touring youngsters Carl Veart and Tony Vidmar.

And older City man also impressed — president Charlie Caruso.

He was Thomson's team manager on tour.

"I would like him with me all the time."

said Thomson. "He is just so laid back it is incredible. I feel we work well together."

Thomson also welcomed the appointment of Mike Wells as his successor as national director of coaching.

Wells farewell SA at the Foundation SA Player of the Year award.

"I am sure he will do an excellent job," said Thomson.

ADELAIDE City, with help from ABC TV, hopes to develop a new

video feast for fans.

The club wants to arrange for filming of each home NSL match of the season. These then could be hired out through video outlets to fans.

A Nations Cup is likely to be revived next month at Para Hills.

Representative sides from Scotland, England, Italy and Greece are likely to play in a well-sponsored charity, round-robin tournament.

Talks are proceeding to finalise arrangements for the tournament, which would be run at the Paddocks.

The event could be the forerunner to an extended annual tournament reminiscent of such popular, prestige tournaments held in the past.

SEEMS one prominent State League club has not been too prompt in its player payments.

And reports suggest a high-ranking club official had an unorthodox means of dealing with one player over his demands.

A phone call and meeting away from the club resulted in both

'hitting' a new low spot in club-player relations.

Both the player and official are unlikely to be at the club in question next year — for very different reasons!

ADELAIDE City could find itself in limbo if the unlikely happens, and it is relegated from the NSL at the end of this season.

Constitutionally, City, if relegated, would have to be reinstated to the highest level of State competition — the First Division.

But, with the last round of this season's NSL scheduled for March 30, 1991, the State season most likely already would have started by that time.

So City could not be included as, appears likely at present, it will not have a side in the State First Division competition.

It thus would not be able to try to win the State championship to regain an NSL berth at the first time of asking.

The club's NSL players then would have to sit it out from competition from March, 1991 to March, 1992.

VIC SENIORS

VIC PROV ONE FIRSTS

Sth Dandenong	28	17	8	3	67	31	42
Cranbourne	28	18	5	5	43	15	41
Sth Werribee	26	16	8	4	71	46	40
Melburn City	28	15	5	8	61	35	35
Nth Sunshine	28	13	6	9	44	36	32
Altona East	28	12	7	9	43	39	31
Melton	28	12	6	10	57	40	30
Williamstown	28	9	10	9	40	42	28
Berwick City	28	9	9	10	35	38	28
Westvale	28	9	8	11	36	48	26
Brunswick City	28	7	9	12	34	52	23
Forest Hill	28	9	3	16	42	53	21
East Geelong	28	5	9	14	29	52	18
M. Field Rangers	28	4	6	18	31	66	14
Kaysborough	28	3	5	20	21	80	11

VIC PROV ONE RESERVES

Melburn City	27	16	4	5	68	50	48
Williamstown	28	15	8	5	56	41	38
Sth Dandenong	28	16	5	7	86	34	37
Westvale	28	14	9	5	47	35	37
Melton	28	14	8	6	49	33	36
Nth Sunshine	28	13	8	7	55	31	34
Altona East	28	14	5	9	65	49	33
South Werribee	28	11	7	8	48	39	29
M. Field Rangers	28	10	6	12	37	44	26
Berwick City	28	10	5	13	43	57	25
Cranbourne	28	9	5	14	50	48	23
East Geelong	28	7	6	15	39	58	20
Forest Hill	28	5	6	17	37	69	16
Kaysborough	28	4	4	20	29	80	12
Brunswick City	27	2	4	19	26	66	18

VIC PROV DIVISION TWO

Sth Springvale	30	22	6	2	75	24	50
Frankston Utd	30	22	5	3	76	32	49
Lalor	30	17	6	7	60	35	40
Lyndale Utd	30	17	5	8	60	44	38
Ascot St Marks	30	17	4	9	66	37	38
Ballaarat	30	14	9	7	49	31	37
Meadow Park	30	14	5	11	55	60	33
Bristons	30	12	5	13	43	50	29
Brandon Park	30	8	10	12	37	43	26
Fitzroy City	30	9	8	13	36	43	26
Port United	30	8	6	16	37	61	22
Un. of Mels	30	8	6	16	39	50	22
Waverley Utd	30	7	6	17	35	56	20
South Yarra	30	7	6	17	35	56	20
Kew Eagles	30	6	4	20	37	89	16
W. Wood Rovers	30	4	5	21	26	67	13

VIC PROV TWO RESERVES

Ballaarat	30	21	5	4	98	38	47
Sth Springvale	30	20	5	5	77	26	45
Meadow Park	29	16	7	6	58	39	38
Frankston Utd	30	16	7	7	41	23	38
Un. of Mels	30	16	5	9	69	35	37
Lyndale Utd	29	14	7	8	46	35	35
Ascot St Marks	29	15	4	10	64	48	34
Bristons	30	9	10	12	33	44	26
Fitzroy City	30	11	3	15	54	79	25
Port United	30	10	4	15	42	64	24
Waverley Utd	29	10	4	15	38	60	24
Brandon Park	30	7	9	14	45	57	23
Ringwood R	30	8	7	15	40	69	23
South Yarra	30	9	4	17	55	70	22
Kew Eagles	30	1	7	22	24	86	9

VIC PROV THREE FIRSTS

Wentworth	30	23	3	4	82	24	49
Melton Utd	30	22	3	5	75	25	47
St Kilda	29	16	8	5	46	28	40
Hampton Park	30	16	5	9	59	35	37
Glenroy	30	16	5	9	48	42	37
East Richmond	30	13	8	9	60	42	34
Mitcham Utd	30	13	8	9	53	35	34
Carman Utd	30	13	8	9	47	42	34
Monbulk	30	10	6	14	52	63	26
Monash Utd	30	9	7	14	43	53	25
Batman Utd	29	9	6	14	46	59	24
Nth Clayton	29	9	3	17	36	46	21
Mild Spornes	28	7	7	15	33	56	21
Riverdale	30	7	6	17	31	56	20
Shoreline Park	30	5	5	20	27	66	15
Breamsburg	30	5	2	23	33	97	12

VIC PROV THREE RESERVES

Glenroy	30	21	4	5	94	41	46
Monash Utd	30	19	7	4	87	26	45
Monbulk	29	16	4	9	57	33	36
East Richmond	30	14	8	8	78	55	36
Riverdale	30	13	8	7	88	49	36
Wentworth	30	14	6	8	51	42	36
Batman Utd	30	14	6	10	68	54	34
Mitcham Utd	30	10	13	7	58	45	33
Shoreline Park	29	12	9	8	49	38	33
Hampton Park	29	11	6	12	50	45	28
St Kilda	30	9	9	12	50	58	27
Mild S	29	4	7	18	39	88	15
Nth Clayton	28	5	5	18	32	91	15
Carman Utd	30	6	2	22	42	97	14
Breamsburg	30	3	3	24	32	101	9

John Walsh wins ACT Ampol Medal

BY GRAHAM COOKE

JOHN Walsh, who has possibly been the cause of more sleepless nights for opposition coaches than any other player in the recent history of the ACT Soccer League, has won the competition's Ampol Medal.

Mounting excitement at the Tuggeranong Rugby Union club turned to an outburst of applause when it was revealed that Belconnen United's Walsh, with 23 votes, had taken the Player of the Year title by the narrowest of margins from the 1988 winner, Peter Thompson of Tuggeranong United (22). Third was Belconnen teammate Steve Lazzan (21) followed by Juventus player-coach Walter Valen on 19.

It has been a season to remember for the 29-year-old English-born striker who topped the league's scoring list as his club swept towards a championship, Federation Cup and Ampol Cup treble.

Walsh, who works as an engineer at The Canberra Times, came to Australia on a working holiday seven years ago. "It was pure chance I chose the ACT — I just happened to know a couple of people who lived here," he said.

The pedigree of a

man who had played for English League side Preston North End as well as leading non-league teams Chorley, Morcombe and Leyland Motors, soon became apparent to the then coach of Canberra City, George Murray. He signed the newcomer and Walsh began his Australian career at the highest level, as left full-back for the National Soccer League team.

But new coach Doug Collins brought new ideas and after being released, Walsh linked with ambitious NSW League club Inter Monaro.

"They won the competition and I had two seasons back in the NSL before they got relegated at the end of the 1986 season," he said.

"After that Belconnen came in with an offer and I have been there ever since."

"They are a great club — the thing I like about them is that there is no messing around. You sign a contract and they deliver on their promises."

"Even so, I was beginning to wonder whether we would ever win anything major. Until this season the only trophy picked up while I've been there is the Jim Fraser Shield, and that was three years ago."

This season it was his relentless consistency which pushed Belconnen to its first league title in eight years. He scored in 14 of the 21 league games, and in both the semi-final and final of the Ampol Cup.

Typically, he is quick to praise the support he receives from those around him. "Simon Smith and Craig Cook tightened the middle and Steve Lazzan gave me so much more room when he came to the club in mid-season. He's a great striking partner."

Among other awards made were: under 14 player of the year, Neil Russel (Tuggeranong United); under 15, Daniel Jukic (Canberra Croatia); youth, Iain Cameron (Weston Creek); Craig Muir Memorial Trophy, Paul Roberts (Canberra Croatia); D.N. McDermott Memorial Trophy (referees), Mark Williamson.

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Hunter bounces back

OUR story "Big Al Hunter twice unlucky" last week was unfortunately wide of the mark.

Happily for the big fellow, his leg is not broken — in fact he did not even have a break before.

Hunter said: "In Holland with Heerenveen my leg was placed in plaster but later it was discovered there was no break."

"A muscle was torn from the bone, and I have now had laser treatment to correct

the position.

"I am fitter than ever and expect to return to the game in a few weeks' time."



ALAN HUNTER

Now it is a matter of finding a club, as Sydney Croatia appears to have finalised its squad.

SYDNEY ETHNIC SOCCER WORLD CUP

Scene set for tremendous spectacle

BY MARIO ETCHART

HOST nation Chile, Peru, Ireland, Uruguay, El Salvador, Northern Cyprus, Colombia and Spain have qualified for the All-Age division quarter-finals, while Ireland, El Salvador, Australia, Uruguay, Iceland, Cyprus, Romania and Greece went through in the Over 35s championship to set the scene for a great spectacle at Garside Park at the weekend.

Next Saturday, in the All-Age competition, Peru faces Ireland and Uruguay will meet El Salvador.

On Sunday, defending champion, Chile, plays against Nth Cyprus and Spain will fight with Colombia for a place in the semi.

In the Over 35s, Ireland clash with El Salvador and Uruguay meet Cyprus on Saturday while favourite Australia plays Ireland and Greece faces Romania on Sunday.

EL SALVADOR 4 LEBANON 3

In the most dramatic encounter of the 7th Sydney Ethnic Soccer World Cup, El Salvador grabbed a place in the quarter-finals after defeating Lebanon 4-3 in a penalty shoot-out.

The match went to extra-time with neither team able to break the deadlock.

The game, charged with drama, was the last of the qualifying round in Group 4.

The referee handed six yellow cards and two reds, although he was too lenient, allowing some players to carry on with illegal tackles.

In the penalty shoot out, Parada, Castellanos, Martinez and Tesoro scored from the spot, while Gonzalez missed.

Abi Arrage, George and Candy converted for Lebanon, and Mohamad and W Apanian missed.

URUGUAY 4 ROMANIA 1

Uruguay won Group 2 as a result of this victory.

The Romanians provided tough opposition until the end of the first half for a Uruguayan team that had problems coping with the defensive pattern of the Europeans.

The Uruguayans dominated the midfield for most of the game, although the Romanian trio of Nastovski, Spirovski and Filipovic showed skills and good touches.

But in the second half, after Romanian striker Radic was sent off, the South Americans definitely took control of the match.

Caramella crossed a ball from the left in the 50th minute and Uruguayan midfielder Foladosa opened the score with a powerful shot.

Two minutes later, Romania equalised through a good combination between Filipovic and Nastovski that the latter converted with a cross shot.

Alberto Arbelo, in the 57th, connected a cross from Perdomo, on the right and scored the second goal for Uruguay.

Two minutes later, defender Nario made it 3-1 when he scored from a rebound.

Uruguayan midfielder Melissourgos, with a header, added a fourth.



JOHN KOSMINA — his Over 35s Aussie team is favoured to win the Ethnic World Cup.

in the 73rd minute, and striker Sentas converted the fifth goal, from another rebound, in the 78th.

Man of the match: Alejandro Nario (Uruguay).

ARGENTINA 4 KOREA 0

In a match without interest, both teams being previously eliminated, Argentina beat Korea in the last match of Group 1.

Striker Galloway opened the score for Argentina after only three minutes of play, and Yuletian added a second goal in the 31st minute.

The first half ended 2-0 in favour of the South Americans.

In the second half, Yuletian and Galloway scored two more goals for Argentina.

Man of the match: W. Vidal.

PERU 4 COSTA RICA 2

Peru qualified for the quarter-finals but the

71st scored for Costa Rica after an excellent combination with fellow striker Cruz.

With the scoreline 2-2, Costa Rica missed an excellent chance to go one up in the 72nd.

In the 86th Peruvian striker Castro was brought down inside the box by keeper Trostel, and Pachas converted from the spot for Peru.

Three minutes later Castro added the fourth for Peru.

Man of the match: Luis Aguirre (Costa Rica).

CYPRUS 3 ASSYRIA 2

Cyprus qualified for the quarter-finals with its victory over an Assyrian side that played the whole game with 10 men.

The Cypriots went through thanks to their better goal difference but not before overcoming a difficult and enthusiastic opponent that almost caused an upset.

The match was very intense with plenty of action in front of both goals.

Cyprus, through the good work of E. Osman, Sevgi and Tuysuz in midfield, controlled the match, but the Assyrians created several chances.

Cyprus went 1-0 up in the 27th minute, after E. Osman converted a penalty kick.

But five minutes later Daoud equalised for Assyria.

Three minutes before the end of the first half Assyrian goalkeeper Southgate couldn't control a shot from Meerban, defender Odhiso deflected the ball in his own goal and Cyprus went 2-1 ahead.

Muyesser, with a header, scored the third for Cyprus in the 50th.

and Meerban added the fourth in the 63rd from a rebound.

Ben Mohamad was brought down inside the Cypriot box in the 80th, and Nunch converted from the spot, putting pressure on the Cypriots.

Five minutes from the end, man of the match E. Osman scored again, from the penalty spot, to make it 5-2.

Man of the match: Erkin, Osman (Cyprus).

SPAIN 2 ITALY 0

Spain assured its final position at the top of Group 3 with this win.

The Italians, who promised so much at the beginning of the competition, were eliminated after Nth Cyprus beat Assyria 5-2 and qualified because of better goal-difference.

The windy conditions at Garside Park made things difficult for both teams, although Spain controlled the match, dominating the midfield for most of the 90 minutes.

The last 45 minutes belonged entirely to Spain but bad finishing postponed the victory until the last 10 minutes.

Replacement Andres Encinas, with a shot that Italian keeper Cajres couldn't stop, opened the score in the 82nd and striker Harriot closed the account in the 89th.

Man of the match: P. Harriot (Spain).

IRELAND 1 YUGOSLAVIA 1

Once again the Yugoslavs have only themselves to blame for losing the chance to earn the two points against Ireland.

When a skillful team like Yugoslavia creates

so many chances in front of goal and scores only once, something is really wrong.

The Irish made it look simple to take a point from its rival and qualify in top spot in Group 4 with a goal scored in one of its very few counter attacks in 90 minutes.

Yugoslavia is out of the tournament.

Striker Zoric opened the account for Yugoslavia, with a header, in the 31st minute, while M. Pillemer, after a solo run over the right flank, left a defender behind and scored the equaliser, with a crossed shot, in the 60th minute.

Man of the match: Dimudje (Yugoslavia).

CHILE 1 COLOMBIA 0

Chile finished at the top of Group 1 after a hard fought win in the best match of the weekend.

Non-stop action from beginning to the end was what defending champion Chile and Colombia offered the crowd at Garside Park.

The first half belonged to the more skillful South Americans.

Chilean midfielders Donoso, Zaya and Ortiz dominated the centre of the park, and finished 1-0 after striker Ferris connected with a perfect drive from a corner from Monsalve in the 24th minute.

With the wind at their backs, Colombia took control of the play in the last 45 minutes, with the Chileans counter-attacking dangerously, however.

But the brilliance of Chile's keeper Tony Marco, and the poor finishing of the Colombian strikers, enabled Chile to win.

Man of the match: Tony Marco (Chile).

SYDNEY ETHNIC SOCCER WORLD CUP GARSIDE PARK — GRANVILLE

QUARTER-FINALS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20

O/35s DIVISION

1.00PM IRELAND v EL SALVADOR
2.30PM URUGUAY v CYPRUS

ALL-AGE DIVISION

4.00PM PERU v IRELAND
6.00PM URUGUAY v EL SALVADOR

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21

O/35s DIVISION

11.00AM AUSTRALIA v ICELAND
12.30PM GREECE v ROMANIA

ALL-AGE DIVISION

2.00PM SPAIN v COLOMBIA
4.00PM CHILE v NTH CYPRUS



Annisia Tann provides role model for girls to follow



ANNISSA TAN

ANNISSA Tann has a degree in Physical Education, coaching qualifications in six different sports and plays soccer for Australia.

However, she feels that her most notable achievement is her appointment as a soccer coaching co-ordinator within the NSW Amateur Soccer Federation.

After all, this is a first! Never before has a woman been appointed to such a position in the male dominated sport of soccer.

The strength and determination of this twenty-three year old to achieve her goals, is obvious.

She paid her way through university by working as a night manager

with a staff of twenty five men.

Consequently she adjusted her lifestyle around four hours of sleep at night, so that she could also meet the training needs of being an international soccer player.

"I've just completed my level two soccer coaching award, held at the AIS and I started feeling that the time had come to make some difficult decisions in my life.

"I had two real choices. My first was to stay at the top in soccer, which is my ultimate goal.

"This means at least ten sessions a week of playing, weight training and running.

"However with working nights I was finding this a great strain, and it meant participating in a lot of self prepared sessions.

"My second option was to give up my highly paid job with difficult hours, and try to get a teaching job on low pay which allowed me to train with other players.

"The job as a soccer coaching co-ordinator, has made that choice for me. I jumped at the chance to be more involved with soccer."

"One of the biggest problems I have come across with female players is their lack of self-esteem.

"Even I find myself feeling nervous when I'm in the all male environment.

"But knowing that I can play at this level has helped, and the level two coaching course will help.

"I was recommended for a coaching course as a useful and rewarding means of building confidence."

Annisia says: "I love being fit and particularly strong. I enjoy it at work when I can lift things that the men can't.

"It shows that if women work away at weights they can achieve results they can be proud of."

She has found she has been well accepted into soccer, without a great deal of gender related conflict, mainly due to her ability.

She has played as a guest player in the ACT men's team at Bruce Stadium.

"The game was faster than women's soccer, and I

got cleaned up by one of the players.

"But I'm not complaining, at least they treat you as an equal when they kick you. I hate to be patronised."

Annisia, however, was most convincing and left everyone wondering exactly which was the female player in the team.

"I get insulted by some of the ridiculous sexist comments directed at female soccer players.

"I feel that with my new job, I can promote to other female players that you can be feminine and play top sport and also that it is becoming possible to earn a living out of sport as a women."

NSW Amateur Soccer Federation general manager Cec Bucello commented: "We promote soccer to both boys and girls in many schools. We feel it important to project women, such as Annissa, as role models to other women.

"We hope this will encourage the acceptance of soccer as a physical, yet fun, activity for both males and females alike.

"Our aim for women's soccer, is to make it a regular and popular sport which could obtain similar status to traditional women's sports, such as netball.

Women's calendar football

1990

October 26-31: National Youth Training Camp AIS Canberra.

November: National Senior Training Camp AIS Canberra (to be confirmed)

1991

January 25/February 9: Visiting European Teams from Denmark and Sweden. Sydney — Canberra.

May 17/26: Women's World Cup qualifying rounds. Australia, New Zealand & PNG in Australia.

June 30/July 6: Gladesville Hornsby Women's World Invitational Club Championships, Morrison Bay Complex, Ryde.

July 7/13: AWSA National Junior and Youth Championships, Gosford NSW.

August/September: Trans-Tasman Youth Cup v New Zealand.

September 15/21: AWSA National Senior Championships — Canberra.

November 16/30: First Women's World Cup, China.



Emily Lancsar (striped shirt) of Juventus, contests the ball with Belconnen United's Emma Housden during a women's match in the Private Bin-University of Canberra Sevens. Belconnen won the match 1-0 but went on to lose 1-0 to Stormbirds in the final.

NATIONAL SQUAD



NSW Katrina Boyd, Moya Dodd, Annissa Tann (captain), Janine McPhee, Janine Riddington, Kim Schaefer, Tracey Wheeler, Sharon Young.

NNSW: Lisa Dunne, Alison Forman, Linda Hughes

SA: Sonya Gugenhuber.

S Qld Kaylene Janssen, Michelle Sawyers, Sharon Wass

ACT Angela Iannotta, VIC Carolyn Monk, Debbie Nichols, Jane Oakley.

Currently in Denmark: Carol Vinson (NSW), Julie Murray (ACT)

Train on: Tanya Corbett (S. Qld), Traci Bartlett (NSW), Jenny Feng (ACT).

Epping High's Chris Giometti wins star schools' award

It is history now that the brilliant prospect from Epping, Chris Giometti, won the Commonwealth Bank Club Australia Star Player Award to the value of \$200.

In second spot only two points behind was Sunnybank's Fotis Skordu who may have won the award but for a less than impressive match against Namour in the Queensland final. One other player was in with a chance but the points were not recorded and sent to the Executive.

medals, certificates and other memorabilia there shortly. Plans are well under way.

NBN Channel 3 gave a really top coverage of the final between Epping and Whitebridge on their 6pm news.

One can only speculate in just how good was the Commonwealth Bank Bill Turner Cup team from Oxley

In their own sub-area they downed near neighbours Tamworth 6-0, Rosary College Tamworth 2-1 and Gunnedah 5-1.

They followed these wins with a 6-0 drubbing of last year's North West-New England champions Inverell before a penalty decider against the top Coalfields school Kurri Kurri 0-4-0/2 put them into the pre-quarterfinals.

In that match they came up against Whitebridge, the even-

tual competition finalists, in a top game at Whitebridge Oval. The home side won 1-0 in the final stages of extra-time

Then as Barry Kemp said later — how close then did Kurri Kurri come?

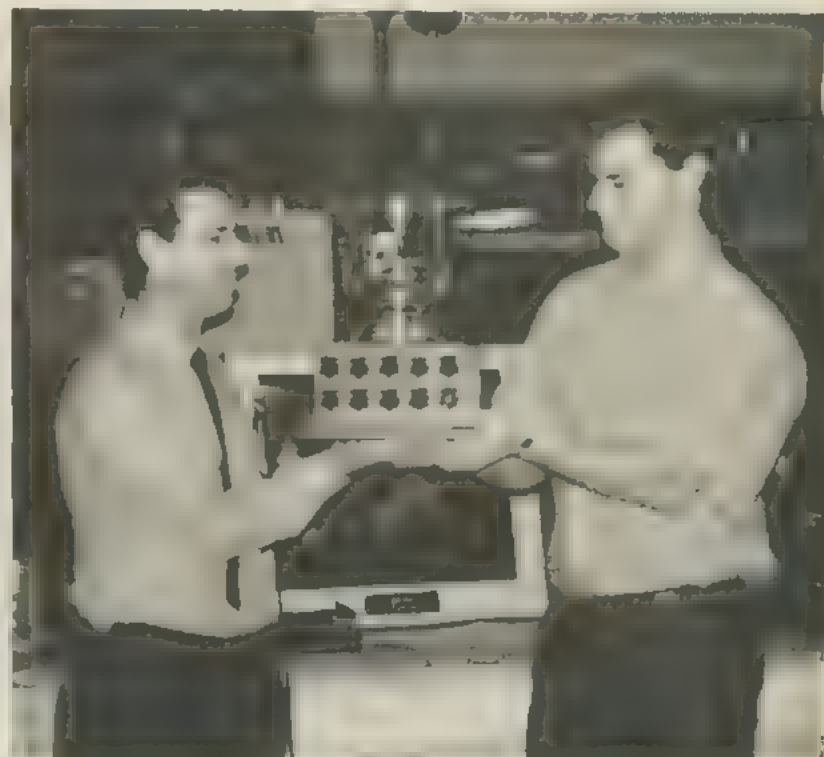
Rhonda Bloomfield joined a small band of ladies who have guided a Bill Turner Cup side to win an area final

She did this with the talented side from Wauchope on the NSW Mid North Coast.

In turn they defeated St Josephs Port Macquarie 4-2, Westport 4-1, Taree 4-0, Chatham 2-1 and John Paul College Coffs Harbour 3-1 in extra-time to win their Area Medal.

They eventually exited from the competition in a great match against Lismore's Richmond River.

Honour for Liverpool Ranger



Over 200 people were in attendance at Liverpool RSL recently to honour Philip "Bully" Bull at his testimonial dinner, which celebrated his 25th consecutive year as a player with Liverpool Rangers Soccer Club.

Bully commenced service in 1966 as an under 6 player, and in the ensuing years served also as groundsman, committeeman, coach or manager for many seasons.

He was installed as a life member in 1986.

He was presented with a beautiful clock set from the members of Liverpool Rangers as a lasting memento of his time spent at Ireland Park.

A typical "Bully" action shot 20 x 12, which was taken and printed by Ian Hutchinson, was presented also to Phil by his friends.

Two U/6 players Shaun and Leigh Mellish in full gear were chosen to make the presentation.

Philip, not known for many words, surprised all and sundry with a long and profound speech regarding those early members who had supported him in his 25 years at Liverpool Rangers Soccer Club, and concluded with his own presentation of perpetual shields in honour of life members Ross Hanson and recently departed Alan Haines.

Liverpool Rangers Soccer Club unveiled a silver trophy, the Phil Bull Cup, as a perpetual trophy to be awarded each year to the winners of an U/6 Knock-Out Competition, which will commence next season as a reminder of Phil's earliest years at Liverpool Rangers.

— FROM RON HUGHES



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Northern NSW U15s go close



NORTHERN NSW U15: Back Row (l to r) Ray Scholes (coach), Andrew Clark, Mark Gribble, Ivan Gage, Paul Spowart, Damian Lalor, Paul Okon, Darryl Harvey, Craig Kemp, Justin Wellings, Raymond Brooker, Bob Canley (manager). Front Row: Adam Nevin, Ryan Ansell, Paul Dowdell, Damien Brown, Grant Clouten, Steve Peattie, Steve Sotolopoulos.

Recently at the Under 15 State titles, the country teams proved a harder task for the City teams to topple than in past years.

Northern Branch NSW (1) had a grand weekend, and with a bit of luck could easily have finished higher than their 3rd placing behind Sydney Olympic and Sydney Croatia respectively.

After a poor first day which saw a loss to Riverina, Northern fought back with style and class for which they are renowned.

The clash against Sydney Croatia promised plenty with Northern controlling the play for 65 out of the 70 minutes.

Sydney Croatia were stunned with the skill and all round ability of the Northern team and

were very fortunate indeed to snatch victory 1-0 in the last five minutes.

Northern cursed themselves for missed opportunities, but by no means walked away disgraced.

Even the most biased Croatian fan would admit luck got them out of jail.

Northern put it all together in the next game against Southern, walking away victors 6-0.

The score does not indicate the total domination displayed by Northern who were on fire.

The next day first up saw Northern blow Western away 4-0 with typical team display, never letting Western into the game.

It was a disciplined performance and had

everyone psyched up for the game against Sydney Olympic, the NSW Youth League winners and eventual State Championship winners.

The Northern team at this stage were plagued with injury.

Two were on crutches and two began the game with strapped knees, others had niggling injuries, but all this was forgotten at kick-off time.

Straight from the kick-off a replica of previous games, Northern took control and at the break had a well deserved 1-0 lead.

The goal came from a penalty which was converted after a player shielded the ball in Olympic's penalty area and was brought down from behind.

Northern were play-

ing dazzling one touch football and until half-time blitzed the opposition.

Olympic resumed after half time playing the great football that they are so capable of playing, and with approximately 10-15 minutes to go hit the lead 2-1.

Northern with their never say die attitude pegged Olympic back to two all at full time and enjoyed a memorable moment drawing with NSW's premier team and consolidated third place themselves.

At the end of the tournament the Northern team could confidently hold their heads high as they played top class soccer and played in the right spirit, showing sportsmanship at all times.

— FROM DARRYL HARVEY

The Robert Wheatley column

over 8,000 expected at Valentine Sports Park



1990 finals
Champion of
Champions
Sunday Oct 28

Superior performances at huge Champions day

THE World Cup and the Olympics, as truly international sporting events, help to confirm or deny the age-old riddle of "Who is the best?" and in the process set up an intriguing set of arguments for and against the validity of each point of view.

These differences of opinion can create a scale of interest and conjecture that is unrivalled and continues until the event reappears on the sporting calendar in four years time.

"If only Cameroun could have kept their lead against England, how could the Americans get disqualified in the semi-finals of the men's 4x100 Seoul Olympics relay, Italy didn't lose a game in the tournament and still came third," are typical of the myriad of comments that sports lovers can battle over for years to come.

For many young players, the two most often asked questions revolve around, "who is the best, or "what did you get?"

The first refers to sport in a lot of cases and the second one is asked when the test papers are being handed around the classroom.

Turning to junior soccer in NSW, the beauty of the Commonwealth Bank Champion of Champions' tournament is that its structure and qualification process assures the age group winner of justifiably being crowned a "champion" team.

When recently explaining the concept to a regional newspapers sporting editor he eventually became aware of the outcomes of the tournament.

A team that was first in their age group at the end of a junior season pitted against the best another association has to offer in a round by round knock-out, surely, comes a long way to determining who is the best.

The first round of this year's tournament was held throughout the country areas and gave those associations the home advantage in attempting to knock off their city rivals.

Several did so. Griffith's Under 16 side were narrowly beaten by Roselea (Gladesville Hornsby) in the third round, while South Wallsend U12 and the U16 Mac-

quarie Association still cling to the dream of a finals berth.

The interest and excitement that is generated by a well organised knock-out tournament is more evidence that a similar format should be operating at a national, senior level.

The tiny lower division clubs thrown up against the well established NSL outfits is a story on its own.

The 1990 finals will be held at Valentine Sports Park, Parklea on Sunday 28th October.

The finalists in each age group from the U/9s to the All Age level will be giving it all they have to help answer that perennial question of who reigns supreme.

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Ku-ring-gai tops

BY KEITH GILMOUR

SYDNEY Branch of the NSW Amateur Soccer Federation held its highly successful annual dinner at the Marconi Club at Fairfield on Friday night, with over 130 people in attendance.

Highlight of the evening was the presentation of the Umbro Fair Play Award by Umbro manager, Steve Brebas.

Pride of place went to Ku-ring-gai Assn, by just one point from both Central Coast Assn and Manly Warringah Assn.

Macarthur Assn's under 13 unit was the only squad not to have even one point awarded against them for official cautions or send-offs, although others went close.

The night was smoothly handled by Naomi Golding and



Rod Woods at the microphone.

Special guests included ASF chairman John Constantine NSWAF president Peter Thorne, NSW Amateur president John Hedison and assistant national coach, Les Scheinflug and Mrs Scheinflug.

Mr Constantine particularly thanked the Amateurs for their support for the national teams.

He told ASW: "We will be able to give the Australian under 17 team a trip to Chile with part of the funds contributed by Australian juniors."

The Chilean tour is to include two full internationals as well as at least five other matches.

UMBRO FAIR PLAY AWARD

POINTS SCORE — The lower the score the better

	U13	U14	U15	U17	Total
APIA.....	6	6	51	54	117
Avala.....	1	10	31	39	81
Bankstown Assn.....	4	14	6	35	59
Blacktown Assn.....	6	11	10	48	75
Blacktown City.....	9	21	24	42	96
Canterbury Assn.....	3	19	27	68	117
Canty M'ville.....	6	24	31	70	131
Central Coast (2nd).....	1	6	12	15	34
Croatia.....	6	12	35	39	92
Gladesville Assn.....	6	13	14	26	59
Granville Assn.....	2	2*	5*	37	46
Illawarra Assn.....	1	16	20	29	66
Kuringai Assn (1st).....	2	14	10	7*	33
Macarthur Assn.....	0*	13	12	50	75
Manly Assn (2nd).....	3	7	15	9	34
Marconi.....	8	22	37	27	94
Melita.....	13	17	28	39	97
Nepean Assn.....	6	13	22	45	86
Polonia.....	5	10	27	30	72
Rockdale.....	25	30	19	31	105
St George Assn.....	6	16	19	34	75
Southern Branch (4th).....	2	2*	14	17	35
Southern Dists As.....	3	16	21	24	64
South & Eastn As.....	11	3	30	17	61
Sutherland Assn.....	2	20	44	37	103
Sydney Olympic.....	14	13	42	57	126
W/Freshwater.....	20	17	28	13	78

— ROD WOODS

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SYDNEY OLYMPIC S.C. JUNIORS

YOUTH LEAGUE TRIALS FOR 1991 SEASONS



Will be held at Centenary Sports area, cnr Church & Lang Streets, Ashfield.

U/13 & U/14 Tuesdays October 16, 23, 30 & November 6th, 13, 20, 27.
Commencing 5.30pm-8pm

U/15 & U/17 Thursday October 18, 25 & November 1, 8, 15, 22, 29.
Commencing 5.30pm-8pm

The trials are open to all players in the respective age groups.

All inquiries to Mr Nick Matsias

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Vialli knee injury



GIANLUCA Vialli of Sampdoria will miss nearly two months following surgery to remove cartilage from his left knee, doctors say.

Doctors who operated on the 26-year-old forward in a Rome clinic said Vialli could resume training in one month and could be at full strength in 50 days.

As a result Vialli will miss the next five to six rounds of the

Italian first division for the Genoan team and Italy's European Championship qualifying game against Hungary on October 17.

STOJKOVIC OUT FOR THE SEASON

MARSEILLE'S Yugoslav midfielder Dragan Stojkovic, the most expensive player in French soccer history, may miss the rest of the season because of a knee injury.

Stojkovic, who joined Marseille from Red Star Belgrade for a \$8 million fee, flew to West Germany to see a sports injuries specialist about his troublesome knee problem.

Marseille officials said the injury was worse than feared and that Stojkovic would be out of action for several months, possibly until the end of the season.

DONS IN TROUBLE

CONTROVERSIAL English First Division side Wimbledon is in hot water with the Football Association again after a brawl between two of its players during training.

The London club, which until this year were regularly hauled before the FA because of its dreadful disciplinary record, is facing an FA investigation into the fracas between striker John Gayle and skipper Keith Curle.

Curle was taken to hospital after suffering a cut head when Gayle punched and kicked him during a practice match.

But the Dons defender said: "It was just as much my fault. I was winding him up and I went too far. These things happen and let's make it the end of the matter."

It is unlikely to be, though, because Wimbledon manager Ray Harford was due to meet both players to discuss the row.

"It's an internal matter and will be dealt with privately, but it was a storm in a teacup," he said.

The FA may think otherwise if they believe Harford has not dealt with the affair to their satisfaction.

"We are monitoring the situation to see if we need to take action," said an association spokesman.



All arms and legs . . . Nantes' Joel Henry looks about to perform a cartwheel after a tackle from Paris Saint-Germain's Daniel Bravo during the teams' French First Division match. The game finished 1-1.

Spain in narrow Euro-92 win

THERE were no surprises in the three Euro-92 qualifiers played last Wednesday though Spain only managed to beat Iceland 2-1 in Seville in their Group 1 game.

In Group 4, the Faroe Islands went down 4-1 to Denmark in Copenhagen and Hungary drew 0-0 with the improving Norway in their Group 3 encounter in Bergen.

Emilio Butragueno opened the scoring for the Spaniards in the 44th minute and Carlos added a second goal in the 64th, but the crowd of 46,000 got a rude shock when Sigurdur Jonsson made it 2-1 two minutes later.

The result emphasises Iceland's huge improve-



ment as now they are also hard to toss away from home, having lost 1-0 to Czechoslovakia in Kosice and 2-1 to France at home in recent Group 1 qualifiers.

In Bergen, Norway held Hungary to a scoreless draw.

Three weeks ago, the Norwegians lost 2-0 to the USSR in Moscow in their Group 3 opener and the Hungarians, of course, are home to Italy on Wednesday.

In friendly games last Wednesday, West Germany, with goals from Klinsmann, Voller and Brehme, beat Sweden 3-1 in Stockholm; Greece trounced Egypt 6-1 in Athens (three of their goals were penalties); and the USA recorded a shock 3-2 win over Poland in Warsaw.

— LOU GAUTIER

Barnes moving?

JOHN Barnes wants to leave Liverpool and play for a club on the European mainland.

He is delaying signing a new deal with the runaway English League leaders worth \$11,500 a week in the hope that a top Continental club will make him an offer.

"He wants to play in Europe and is continuing to look around," revealed his



John Barnes business adviser, John Holmes.

"We want to see everything that's on the table and it will then be a case of John deciding where he wants to go."

Definitely coming the other way is Uruguayan midfielder Jose Perdomo, who has quit Italian side Genoa for Coventry in a \$920,000 deal.

"It's a great deal for us to get a World Cup performer at that price," commented Coventry manager John Sillett.

"Perdomo possesses a tremendous attitude towards his football and the way he has shrugged off a nagging ankle injury has underlined his determination to succeed in England."



Roma's Rudi Voller takes a tumble as he is "tackled" by Fiorentina's Malusci in Roma's recent 4-0 Italian league win.





Move over, "Gazza", here comes Robins

MANCHESTER United's new goalscoring sensation Mark Robins admits that he wouldn't mind a bit of Gazzamania.

The 20-year-old striker has won over thousands of Old Trafford fans with his matchwinning performances this year, but he's hungry for even more headlines.

"Paul Gascoigne deserves all the publicity he's getting because he's a great player and his performances in the World Cup were tremendous," admits the United ace.

"But if I were to get the same sort of attention, I'm sure I'd be able to handle it and, deep down, I'd enjoy it."

"Every footballer wants to succeed, and if success is measured by the amount of publicity you receive then Paul Gascoigne is at the top."

"If he told the truth, every player would like to have the same treatment. But being able to handle it is a different matter."

Not that there is any danger of level-headed Robins getting carried away by his early success.

He's hit the headlines more times than he's found the net since he forced his way into the United side last Christmas, but modest Mark has stayed level-headed during all the hype.

"I want to make the grade here at United and I know that to achieve that target I've got to get my head down, work hard and keep going," he says realistically.

Mark was United's hero last season when his semi-final winner took them to Wembley in the FA Cup and two super strikes against Aston Villa guaranteed First Division football again this season at Old Trafford.

But he reckons it's all part of the job. "I'm a striker and it's my job to score goals. There can be a lot of pressures on you to do well, and when you have some luck then you attract a lot of media attention, especially at a club like Manchester United," he says.

"But you've got to produce the goods all the time, and that means in training as well as in matches."

"I know there are parts of my game that I've got to improve and I'm working on that. I want to contribute more to the team."

Goals have always been part of Mark's life and he holds the United record for the most strikes during a season at any level. He's twice topped 50 for the junior and reserve sides.

He also marked his debut for England's Under-21 team with a goal, coming off the bench to turn a 0-1 deficit into a 3-1 victory against Hungary last month.

He's become a firm favourite with the Stretford End after his three goals in two games clinched successive victories over Luton and QPR, but manager Alex Ferguson wants to make sure things don't get out of hand.

"Mark is a terrific young player and he comes alive in the penalty-area," says Fergie.

"He might disappear for half an hour, then suddenly there's half a chance and he's there, he has the ability to score goals which is worth so much to a team."

"I know the fans and the media can get carried away when a new player emerges and this sort of thing can affect a player, but there will be no problems with Mark."

"He is level headed enough to handle it, he's a sensible lad and he has a great future in the game."

For a manager who wants his new star to keep a low profile, Fergie is doing a pretty good job as a founder member of the Mark Robins Fan Club.

Move over Paul Gascoigne... here comes Robinsmania.

— reprinted courtesy SHOOT



MARK ROBINS — a new "Gazza"?

Olimpia takes Cup

BY MARIO ETCHART

Olimpia, of Paraguay, have won the Libertadores Cup for the second time after holding Barcelona of Ecuador to a 1-1 draw in the second leg of the final played at Guayaquil.

Olimpia, who lost the final last year to Nacional of Colombia, won 3-1 on aggregate after winning the first leg 2-0 at home.

The Paraguayans will meet European champions AC Milan for the Toyota Cup in Tokyo on December 9, in a match, as always, televised live by SBS-TV.

Great goalkeeping by Olimpia goalkeeper Ever Almeida allowed the Paraguayans to survive in front of 50,000 frenzied Ecuadorians.

Barcelona took the lead in the 61st minute from a goal by former Argentine international midfielder Marcelo Trobbiani, but Olimpia equalised from a breakaway with an opportunistic goal by striker Raul Amarilla in the 81st minute.

In Argentina, Alfio Basile will succeed Carlos Bilardo as coach of the national team.

Basile is a shock choice, ahead of former

national team captain Daniel Passarella, who was the favourite for the job.

Passarella's appointment, however, is believed to have been vetoed by Argentine Football Association president Julio Grondona because he was 'too close' to his avowed enemy Luis Menotti, coach of Argentina's 1978 World Cup-winning team, now head coach of Penarol in Uruguay.

Alfio 'Coco' Basile, 46, started his career in the Argentine First Division in 1964 with Racing Club with whom he played until 1970, and with whom he won five Argentine caps at sweeper.

His first coaching job was in 1976 with Charita Juniors and he also coached Rosario Central, Racing Club, Racing Cordoba, Instituto Cordoba, Talleres Cordoba, and Velez Sarsfield.

His last club was Huracan and he also had a one-year stint coaching Nacional in Uruguay.

Basile picked former Argentine star Carlos Babington as his assistant.

"TOTO" IN THE MONEY

SALVATORE "Toto" Schillaci has extended his contract with Juventus of Turin through the 1992-93 season, raising his annual salary to \$1 million.



The negotiations took only a half hour between club president

Vittorio Chiusano, Schillaci and his manager Antonio Caliendo and gave the 25-year-old Sicilian a yearly income near that of Roberto Baggio.

Baggio, who joined Juventus from Fiorentina this past June for a world record \$18 million transfer fee, gets some \$1.2 million a year from his current club, which is owned by the Agnelli family of auto tycoons Fiat.

Schillaci, who joined Juventus in 1989 and made \$385,000 last year, earned an international fame by scoring six goals in the World Cup last summer and helping Italy to third place in the championship.

In the current season, Schillaci has scored two goals in Round One of the Cup Winners Cup, but had no goals in five Italian League games.

Baggio has seven goals total in Cup and league games this season.

FRENCH '98 BID



FRANCE pressed home their bid to host the 1998 World Cup last week when Prime Minister Michel Rocard received FIFA President Joao Havelange.

"Mr Rocard assured me that the French government is fully backing France's candidacy," Havelange said.

A site to build a new stadium for a World Cup final in Paris would be selected before the end of the year.

FIFA will not pick the 1998 host until May 1992.

Brazil, Portugal, Switzerland, Morocco and France have already announced they want to organise the Cup.

BORDEAUX ARE SAVED

INDEBTED French First Division side Bordeaux has



been saved from bankruptcy by a \$3 million package from the city council.

Mayor Jacques Chaban-Delmas announced the council would guarantee a \$2 million loan and grant an exceptional subsidy of \$1 million.

"If these emergency measures are not taken the club could disappear within a fortnight," said Chaban-Delmas, a former prime minister.

And if needed, the council would put up a guarantee for another \$2 million in the 1991 budget, he added.

A busy Euro-92 week ahead

BY LOU GAUTIER

EUROPE is bracing itself for a very busy schedule of international matches on Wednesday — all Euro-92 qualifiers.



New England captain Gary Lineker.

No less than nine games will be staged when most countries will be making their debuts as they attempt to qualify for the European Championship finals in Sweden in June 1992.

World Cup semi-finalists England are at home to Poland at Wembley in new manager Graham Taylor's debut in official competition.

In the absence of Bryan Robson, Gary Lineker will again captain England as they come up against a team they eliminated in the World Cup qualifiers, but Poland appear to have improved since and won't surrender easily.

Italy make their Euro-92 debut in Budapest against Hungary, with the Juventus duo of Toto Schillaci and Roberto Baggio certain to be reconstituted at the Népstadion.

Hungary are not what they used to be, but perhaps an inspired display by Italian-based Lajos Detari and some goal-poaching by France's leading league scorer, Kalman Kovacs, may make life tough for the Azzurris.

Defending European champions Holland are away to Portugal, still reeling from their 0-0 draw in Finland four weeks ago.

Another dropped point may well already put the Portuguese out of contention.

The Dutch will be out to make amends after their disastrous Italia '90 campaign, but will be minus Frank Rijkaard, suspended and retired

from national team duty.

Holland will be hoping for much needed finishing power from Marco van Basten and on the genius of Ruud Gullit in this tough assignment in Lisbon where Portugal rarely lose.

The Danes will be keen to make up for the disappointment of missing out on Italia '90.



ANDY ROXBURGH

Led by the Laudrup brothers and Fleming Povlsen, Denmark should be too classy for Northern Ireland in Belfast as they attempt to qualify for the European finals for the third consecutive time.

Wales are home to Belgium, one of the most impressive — and unlucky — teams of

the 1990 World Cup.

Despite the Southalls, Rushes and Co, it's hard to imagine anything but a Belgian win despite their re-

cent defeat at home in a friendly to the now-defunct East Germany.

Expect fireworks from Enzo Scifo and perhaps a couple of goals from Marc Vanderlinden and Marc Degryse.

Bulgaria started their European Championship campaign with a 2-0 defeat in Switzerland and it's hard to see them improving sufficiently against

Romania in Bucharest.

It is already a must-win situation for both teams as Romania went down 2-1 to Scotland in their group opener.

Both countries these days rely on foreign-based players, especially the Romanians, who, at home, should be too strong with the likes of Gheorghe Hagi, Marius Lacatus and world-class defender Popescu.

Scotland, at home for the second time in as many matches, look the goods against the Swiss.

Coach Andy Roxburgh has an almost full complement of players at his disposal this time, unlike last month when the Scots squeezed home against Romania with a depleted side.

And finally, in Dublin, the Republic of Ireland, undefeated at home for ages, should remain unbeaten when they take on a Turkish team minus their top striker Ridvan, whose career is over after a fourth knee operation.

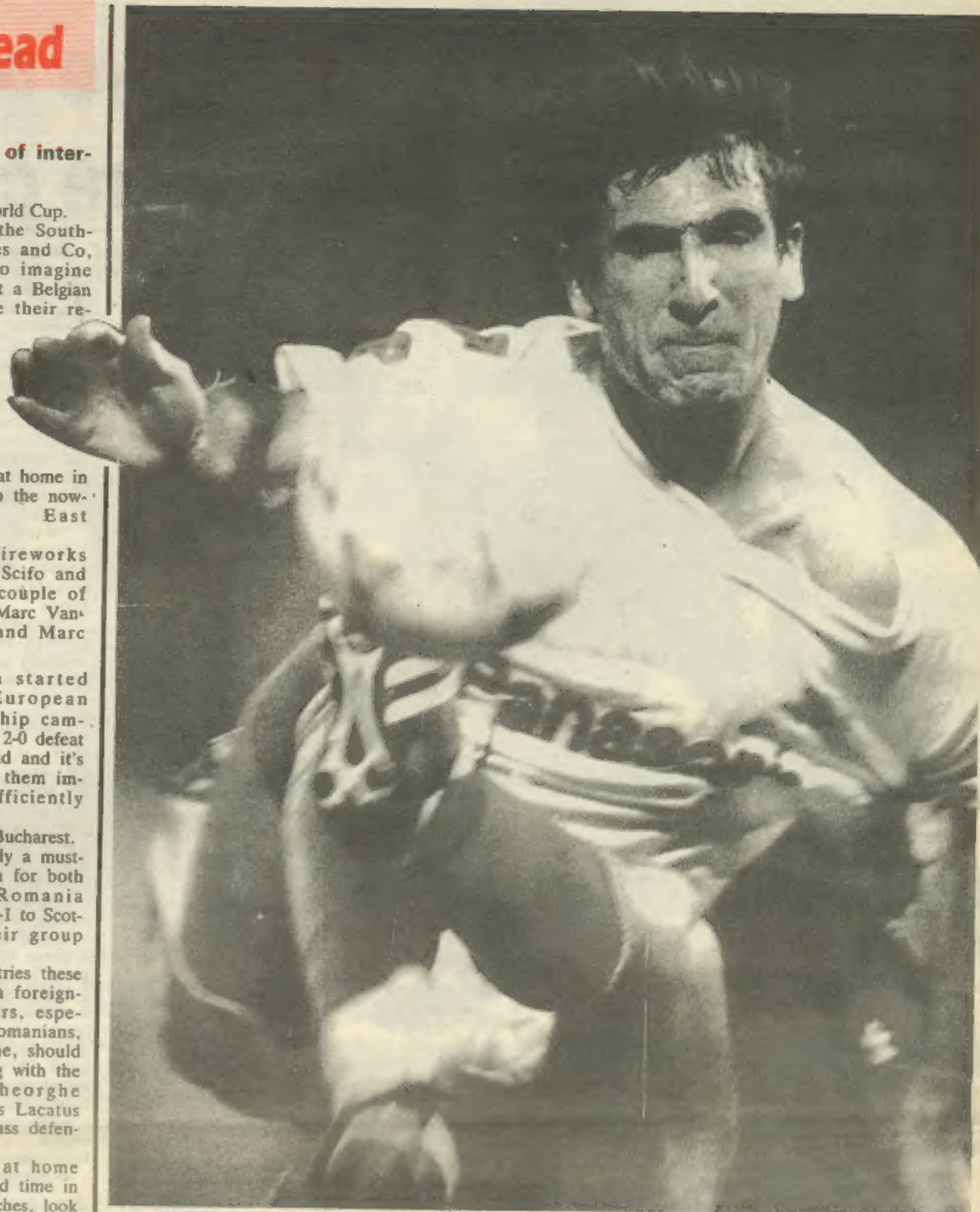
Jack Charlton's English-based brigade should start with a win as they prepare to meet England further down the road in a bid to again qualify for the finals.

Bribing the cradle

THE chairman of a British junior soccer club has begun an inquiry into claims that leading junior players as young as 12 have been offered bribes to join rival teams.

Barry Smart, who runs the Cambridge and district colts league, says boys have been tempted into transfer deals by promises of free boots and kit, sports vouchers, and free petrol for parents driving them to matches.

He says he's blowing the whistle on the situation because he's dismayed that over-zealous parents have a win at all costs attitude.



French star Eric Cantona — starred in the Euro-92 qualifier against Czechoslovakia on Saturday. France won 2-1.

US WORLD CUP SITES

CLEVELAND, Denver, Honolulu and Houston have told the World Cup '94 Organising Committee they intend to bid for games, raising the number of cities seeking parts of the tournament to 32.

Cities have until December 14 to make their bids, which may be for first — or second — round games, the quarter-finals, the semi-finals or the final.

Last month, the Louisiana Superdome became the first indoor stadium to join the list.

Houston will bid for games in the 60,000-seat Astrodome, the first indoor stadium in the world.

But the Astrodome is considered a longshot because its primary tenant is Houston Astros of US major league baseball.

Ethan Cartwright, director of marketing for the Houston Sports Association, which operates the Astrodome, said the bid had not yet been discussed with the team.

"Ideally, we'd like to do it on an existing roadtrip so as not to disrupt the schedule," Cartwright said.

In order to play games at indoor stadiums, grass would have to be installed over the artificial turf.

"We'd like opening ceremonies, the first round and possibly second round," Cartwright said. "We're looking at a 14-to-16 day window."

Other cities in the bidding are Ann Arbor, Michigan; Atlanta; Baltimore and Annapolis, Maryland; Blaine, Minnesota; Buffalo, New York; Charlotte, North Carolina; Chicago; Columbus, Ohio; Dallas; Foxboro, Massachusetts; Kansas City, Missouri; Knoxville, Tennessee; Las Vegas; Los Angeles and Pasadena, California; Miami; New Haven, Connecticut; New Orleans; Orlando, Florida; Philadelphia; Phoenix; Portland, Oregon; Princeton, New Jersey; Provo, Utah; Raleigh, North Carolina; San Francisco and Stanford, California; Seattle; Tampa, Florida, and Washington.

The final decision on sites will be made next summer by FIFA after recommendations by the organising committee.

CANIGGIA OUT!

CLAUDIO Caniggia will miss several weeks after undergoing surgery for a broken left arm, suffered in Atalanta's UEFA Cup match with Dinamo Zagreb in Yugoslavia.



CLAUDIO CANIGGIA: broken arm.

Caniggia, who helped Argentina to the final of this summer's World Cup in Italy, was injured while being taken down by a rough tackle, earning Atalanta a penalty kick.

He was forced to

leave the game but the resulting goal enabled his Italian club to draw 1-1 and advance into the second round of the UEFA tournament.

"It was a costly qualification for me," said Caniggia, in a televised interview.